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PALESTINE MESS CLEAN-UP.

SWIFT ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

COMMISSION TO SET OUT THIS MONTH.

SCOPE TO BE LIMITED.

The British Government is acting swiftly regarding the recent tragic events in Palestine. The Colonial Office announced last night that a Commission of Enquiry, headed by Sir Walter Shaw, will leave for Jerusalem before the end of the month. Special emphasis, however, is laid on the fact that in spite of certain criticisms of British administration, reference being made to the fact that the position was a disgrace to British administration, and Dr. Weizmann, who said that the matter called for the fullest investigation of the whole manner in which the Mandate had been administered in recent years, the terms of reference will be strictly limited. The Commission's task will be to find the cause of the recent outbreak. When a Report has been submitted, the Government will give consideration to future policy.

Attack on Police.

London, Sept. 3. The situation in Palestine is described as generally quiet in the official communiqué issued by the Colonial Office this evening. Mention is made, however, of a number of minor incidents in the northern regions of the country. The police barracks at Hattin, which is eight miles to the west of Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, was attacked on Sunday night by a gang of Arabs, but after a brief skirmish the raiders were driven off successfully.

Troops in Minor Clash.

Slight hand to hand fighting occurred between British troops and riotous Arabs at Yezudhamah, to the north of Lake Tiberias, but the Arabs were soon overwhelmed, the British soldiers getting through without a single casualty. A number of Arabs were injured, and some arrests were made.

The general attitude of the Trans-Jordan tribes is reported to be satisfactory, with the exception of certain bands in small areas to the north. An important announcement was also made by the Colonial Office this evening with regard to future intentions.

Commission Appointed.

After reference to the steps taken to restore order in Palestine, the despatch of naval, military and air forces, and after dealing with the measures adopted in respect of the trial of the many persons placed under arrest as the result of the riots, the Colonial Secretary (Lord Passfield) announced that a Commission of Enquiry will proceed to Palestine this month to enquire into the causes of the recent outbreak, including the extent to which it may be regarded as preconcerted or due to organised action.

No Party Spirit.

The Chairman of the Commission will be Sir Walter Shaw, who was Chief Justice in the Straits Settlements from 1921 to 1925, and Chief Justice at British Honduras from 1925-26. With him will be associated three members of the House of Commons, who will be selected one from each of the three political parties.

In view of suggestions made in certain quarters, the Colonial Office announcement goes on, the British Government wishes to make it clear that there is no idea of reconsidering the British tenure of the Palestine Mandate.

Balfour Declaration.

No Enquiry is contemplated which might alter Britain's position with regard to the Mandate or the policy laid down in the Balfour Declaration. The Enquiry now initiated, therefore, will be limited to the immediate emergency created and will not extend to considerations of major policy.

When the Report is received the Government will earnestly consider along what lines, within the terms of the Palestine Mandate, future policy in Palestine should be directed.—Reuter.

NEW TERRITORIES OUTRAGE.

CHINESE AUTHORITIES BEING APPROACHED.

CULPRITS' ESCAPE.

No further important developments have transpired in connexion with the armed raid by bandits in the Sheungshui district yesterday morning, except that the matter has now become one for negotiation with the Chinese authorities, within whose territory the culprits appear to have taken refuge.

When seen this morning, a police official at Headquarters expressed his conviction that, before long, something will have been done to bring about the apprehension of the men concerned in the outrage, which appears to have been a carefully laid scheme planned from across the border in conjunction possibly with persons who possess an intimate knowledge of the inhabitants and lay-out of Sheungshui.

This is borne out by the main objective which they made of a house tenanted by the wealthiest inhabitant of the district and by the rapidity with which they made their escape through a definite route into Chinese territory.

COOLIE'S LUCKY ESCAPE.

FELL 80 FEET BUT ONLY FRACTURED ARM.

A miraculous escape from death was experienced yesterday by Tam Koon, a coolie, employed on excavation work in connexion with the new No. 1 Basin at the Kowloon Docks, when he accidentally slipped down from the summit of a hill behind the Dock and dropped a distance of 80 feet to the foot.

The only injury he received was a simple fracture of the left forearm, which was later attended to in hospital.

RUSSIA'S ARCTIC ENTERPRISES.

COLONISATION OF FRANZ JOSEF LAND?

Moscow, Sept. 3. The most northerly meteorological station in the world has been established at Tranquil Bay, Franz Josef Land, by the Soviet Expedition aboard an ice-breaker, which has not returned to Russia.

Buildings are being erected on Franz Josef Land to accommodate the first Soviet colonists.—Reuter.

HYDERABAD FLOOD DISASTER.

FEAR THAT WORSE IS TO FOLLOW.

Karachi, Sept. 3. Although the influence of the Indus and Punjab flood currents have not yet been felt, tremendous damage, due to local floods, is reported in the region of Hyderabad.

The overflow from the floods of Khairpur State have breached the canals in many places, inundating hundreds of square miles.—Reuter.

NEVER LIKELY TO FLY AGAIN.

LADY HEATH'S CONDITION IMPROVING.

New York, Sept. 3. It is learned from Cleveland, Ohio, that Lady Heath, the famous British woman-pilot, who was badly injured in a crash last week, is much improved.

The doctors stated, however, that she will never be able to fly again.—Reuter.

Three cases of typhoid were notified yesterday, two being Chinese and the other British.

OPTIONAL CLAUSE ASSEMBLY?

RAMSAY MACDONALD'S GENEVA SPEECH.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON NAVAL AGREEMENT.

A BRACING ADDRESS.

Geneva, Sept. 3. Amid warm applause by the assembled delegates at today's meeting of the League of Nations Assembly, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Premier, announced that the British Government had decided to sign the Optional Clause of the Hague Statute.

He added that the form of Britain's adherence was now in the course of preparation and he believed that each of the Dominions Governments would instruct its representatives at Geneva to sign the Clause before the Assembly closed.

Mr. MacDonald expressed the hope that this session would be known as the "Optional Clause Assembly," throwing out the invitation that other Members of the League who had not signed the clause should follow Britain's example.

Britain's Self-Respect.

At the outset of his address to the Assembly, the Premier said that one of the most important contributions to the League's peace-making tasks had been the work of the Committee of Experts at Paris and of the countries represented at the recent League Conference on Reparations.

The British attitude at The Hague, he added, was prompted by self-respect.

He spoke in warm terms of the decision regarding the evacuation of the Rhine, saying that next week, five years before it was expected to be possible, the first battalion of the British troops on the Rhine would march out of Germany never to return.

League's Task.

The League must now, with an undivided mind, apply itself to the problem of disarmament.

The British Government would do its utmost to hasten the disarmament conference, and he expressed the view that the first contribution must be in the field of naval armaments, adding that an Anglo-American agreement was the first preliminary to a successful international agreement.

Once again, Mr. MacDonald laid special emphasis on the points that the Anglo-American conversations were in no way directed against any other Power, and that the British Government had declined absolutely to build against the United States.

Twenty Points.

The conversations had not yet ended, but they had gone far on the road to agreement on a document containing twenty points.

"We are out for a document which will establish peace besides an agreement on naval ratios."

He was not at all sure that an announcement that an agreement had been reached could not be made before the end of the present Assembly, as "only three of the twenty points involved in the Anglo-American naval agreement are still outstanding at the present moment."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald then referred to Britain's decision with regard to the Optional Clause. The Clause, he said, bound the signatories to submit to arbitration all legal disputes concerning the interpretation of treaties and questions of international law. He added that he was convinced that the foundation of peace was arbitration.

Palestine Events.

Referring to the situation in Palestine, the British Premier said that a nation accepting a Mandate was accepting a national responsibility.

There was no racial conflict in Palestine between the Moslems and the Jews. The recent events were simply an outbreak of lawlessness and disorder. No nation was the first since that time.—Reuter.

TENEMENT HOUSE DANGERS.

NEED OF USE OF FIREPROOF MATERIAL.

LOCAL DEATH TRAPS.

According to the annual report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, the attention of Government has been drawn to the very flimsy construction of many of the overcrowded tenement houses in the Colony and it would appear that the time has arrived for insisting on fireproof material only being used in the construction of these tenement houses, many of which have only one common staircase for two separate houses of from four to three stories.

Even if fireproof material for the staircase and lat floor was insisted on there would be little likelihood of persons being burnt to death in these houses. In most cases the ground floor is a shop, in the case of No. 20 Upper Station Street.

AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME.

President Said to Favour Full Building.

FIFTEEN CRUISERS.

Washington, Sept. 3. After a conference with President Hoover at White House today, Mr. Frederick Hale, the chairman of the Senate Naval Committee predicted that all the fifteen 10,000-ton cruisers authorized by Congress would be constructed. He said that the President believed that course to be necessary regardless of what Anglo-American agreement was reached.—Reuter's American Service.

Street in joss paper shop, full of inflammable matter which if once set alight converts the shop into a roaring furnace in a few moments.

Unless therefore the inmates can escape by the roof which is not always possible they have no means of escape once the ground floor is alight.

In all 10 persons lost their lives last year in local fires, five of whom were burnt to death in the fire in Upper Station Street. At the fire in Lai Chi Kok Road on 13th April, 1928, two persons were rescued by firemen from the burning building.

MAGISTRATE GETS COMFORT.

WEARS "CISY SHIRT" AND BLAZER.

Court traditions and old custom went by the board this morning, when, for the first time, within local knowledge, the First Magistrate took his seat at the Central Magistracy, wearing not the black alpen jacket which is so much affected by legal luminaries, but sporting an open-necked shirt, of the type commonly labelled as a "ciszy shirt," and a bright blue blazer.

With a temperature in the shade hovering around the nineties, this concession to comfort was quite understandable, even if not in strict accord with custom.

DIPLOMATIC MOVE.

FORMER OFFICIAL IN THE FAR EAST.

London, Sept. 3. His Majesty has approved the appointment of Mr. C. M. Palaret, C.M.G., as Minister in Bucharest. Mr. Palaret has been in the Diplomatic Service since 1905, and has spent a little time in the Far East, being Counsellor of the Embassy at Tokyo from 1922 to 1925, when he was transferred to the Peking Legation. He was recalled to England for duty at the Foreign Office in 1926, his appointment to Bucharest being the first since that time.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONS.

NOTTS FINISH SEASON INGLOUOUSLY.

SUSSEX DEFEAT YORKSHIRE SENSATIONALLY.

EX-HOLDERS SECOND.

London, Sept. 3. In spite of a rather inglorious finish—they were beaten on the first innings by Derbyshire—Nottinghamshire have won the county cricket championship for the first time since 1907. Moreover, they held a clear lead of ten points from Lancashire and Yorkshire.

Sussex, by a sensational last minute win at Brighton, deprived Yorkshire of second place, which is occupied by Lancashire, who though they have the same number of points won more matches outright.

By the same system, Gloucestershire took precedence over Sussex for fourth place owing to a similarly slight advantage. Gloucester won more matches outright than any other county, but they were defeated on six occasions.

Yorkshire were confidently expected to gain the runners-up position, the prospect of defeat even at the hands of the excellent all-round Sussex eleven hardly being considered. Only one team had managed to beat them in their previous 27 engagements, Kent winning by an innings on July 2nd.

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

County	P.	W.	L.	W.L.	Net Run Rate
Nottinghamshire	24	14	2	4	2.14
Lancashire	24	12	3	6	1.44
Derbyshire	24	10	9	2	1.14
Gloucestershire	24	10	6	4	1.14
Sussex	24	10	6	4	1.14
Yorkshire	24	10	6	4	1.14
Warwickshire	24	10	6	4	1.14
Leicestershire	24	10	6	4	1.14
Surrey	24	10	6	4	1.14
Hampshire	24	10	6	4	1.14
Essex	24	10	6	4	1.14
Northants	24	10	6	4	1.14
Warwick	24	10	6	4	1.14
Somerset	24	10	6	4	1.14
Worcestershire	24	10	6	4	1.14
Gloucestershire	24	10	6	4	1.14

The matches concluded today were, of course, the final championship matches of the season. Unfortunately wet weather intervened to make things difficult. The only ground which appears to have escaped the worst of it was Lord's where Surrey and Middlesex fought hard for victory. Three centuries were scored, Middlesex's bowlers being collared in Surrey's second innings.

Batting.
Woolley (Kent) 118
Gregory (Surrey) 114
Hobbs (Surrey) 111
O'Connor (Essex) 102
Hendren (Middlesex) 100
Bowley (Sussex) 74
Not Out.

Bowling.
Ryan (Gloucestershire) 7 for 52
V. W. C. Jupp (Northants) 6 for 73
Besley (Kent) 4 for 40
Wellard (Somerset) 4 for 44

SUSSEX'S VICTORY.

Holmes Puts Up Strong Resistance.

In a sensational finish, the last Yorkshire wicket falling in the last minute of the match, Sussex defeated Yorkshire by 78 runs at Brighton. It was a grimly-contested game throughout, but the southerners thoroughly deserved their success. Runs had to be struggled for from the opening day, and but for a great fighting display by Bowley, who compiled 74 Sussex would have made a poor first innings' effort. As it was, they compiled 169 runs and got rid of Yorkshire for 152. The Yorkshire batting failed badly, only Holmes (52) exceeding the half century.

Sussex made 265 on batting again, and Yorkshire's defeat immediately became a distinct possibility. They fought hard, however, Holmes putting together 61, but were all out just before time for 204.

CRICKET WASH-OUT.

Notts in Difficulties.

Notts won the championship by gaining three points from Derbyshire, even had Yorkshire beaten Sussex. Rain prevented a completion of an innings by both sides, but for the loss of three wickets.—(Continued on Page 12.)

MORE BUILDING IN HONGKONG.

MARKED INCREASE SHOWN LAST YEAR.

BOOM CONTINUING.

It is indicated in the annual report of the Director of Public Works that during last year a further increase was recorded in the number of new works dealt with under the Buildings Ordinance. The number of domestic buildings completed at the end of the year also shows an increase over the figures of 1927.

In most districts the works which were in progress at the end of 1928 are an indication that the number of houses completed during the year 1929 will probably be even greater than 1928.

As regards "non-domestic" buildings the number actually completed at the end of 1928 was less than the previous year, but a considerable amount of work was in progress, so that the figures for 1929 will probably show a corresponding increase, as in the case of domestic buildings.

The number of plans deposited during the year was 2,385, compared with 2,158 in 1927, these approved being 2,929 and 2,481 respectively.

The number of new Chinese houses completed was 633, being an increase of 432 whilst European houses totalled 170, being an increase of 81.

A graph attached to the report for the years 1905 to 1928 shows the highest number of plans approved was 3,887 in 1924, whilst houses certified reached their highest level in the same year, the figure being 1,956.

COLONY'S BEGGARS.

OVER 1,000 SENT AWAY LAST YEAR.

The annual police report states that during last year 1,054 mendicants were arrested and dealt with as follows:
36 mendicants charged before the Magistrate.
7 mendicants sent to Tung Wah Hospital.
8 mendicants released.
1 sent to Amoy.
227 sent to Canton.
775 sent to Deep Bay.

With the exception of items 2 and 3, about 80% of the mendicants had been sent out of this Colony more than once.

YEARS' THEFTS IN COLONY.

A SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE REPORTED.

The estimated value of property stolen in the Colony last year was \$478,020.98 as against \$512,233.36 in 1927 a decrease of \$134,212.38, or 21.9%.

The average for the last five years is \$551,860.06. The value of property recovered during the year was \$74,702.63 or 15% of the value of the property stolen, as against \$63,308.25 or 13% of the property stolen in 1927, an increase of 2% in ratio between the property stolen and property recovered.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RANGERS' GOAL STILL INTACT.

London, Sept. 3. Glasgow Rangers, playing Queen's Park in the Scottish League today, won by the only goal scored. The Rangers have thus won their first five matches without conceding a goal.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division of the Football League, Southport defeated Carlisle by four goals to three, while Rochdale beat Chesterfield by 2 goals to one.—Reuter.

Through the courtesy of Mr. C. W. Jeffries, acting Director of the Observatory, we have received a copy of local meteorological records from the years 1884 to 1928, which he has compiled. The book sells at sixty cents.

JOURNALIST LOSES APPEAL.

PREVIOUS DECISION UPHELD.

RESCISSION OF AGREEMENT NOT ESTABLISHED.

FULL COURT RULING.

The Full Court (consisting of the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge) this morning dismissed with costs the appeal by Mr. Harry Cooper against a judgment in which Mr. Justice Lodge dismissed a claim brought against the Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal.

In the course of his judgment, with which the Puisne Judge concurred, Sir Henry Gollan reviewed the facts and dealt at length with the appellant's contention that the agreement made in 1927 was impliedly rescinded by a mutual agreement and replaced by a verbal agreement made in 1928. He pointed out that in letters to the respondents' managers the solicitors for appellant not only made a claim for six months' salary but also for the amount of a passage to England—a fact which the Chief Justice cited as strong evidence that the appellant and his legal advisors were at the time those letters were written, treating the agreement of 1927 as still subsisting.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, was for appellant, whilst Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. E. Arculli, was for respondents.

The Judgment.

In giving his decision, the Chief Justice said:—This is an appeal from a judgment of Mr. Justice Wood dismissing a claim brought by the appellant for damages for termination of a contract of employment without due notice and wrongful dismissal. The notice of appeal contained more than one ground of appeal, but before the Full Court counsel for the appellant confined his argument to the point that the learned Judge was wrong in holding that the relations between the parties were governed by an agreement in writing dated July 19, 1927, because it had been impliedly rescinded by mutual arrangement as from January 28, 1928.

I will first shortly state the relevant facts in the case which are not disputed by the parties.

The appellant is a journalist and the respondents control certain newspapers published in the Colony. The appellant entered the service of the respondents as a reporter in June, 1927, at a salary of \$300 per month. There was at this time no agreement in writing between the parties, but in July, 1927, appellant was appointed a sub-editor-reporter in the service of the respondents and the agreement of July 19, 1927, above referred to, was entered into between the parties.

Material Points.

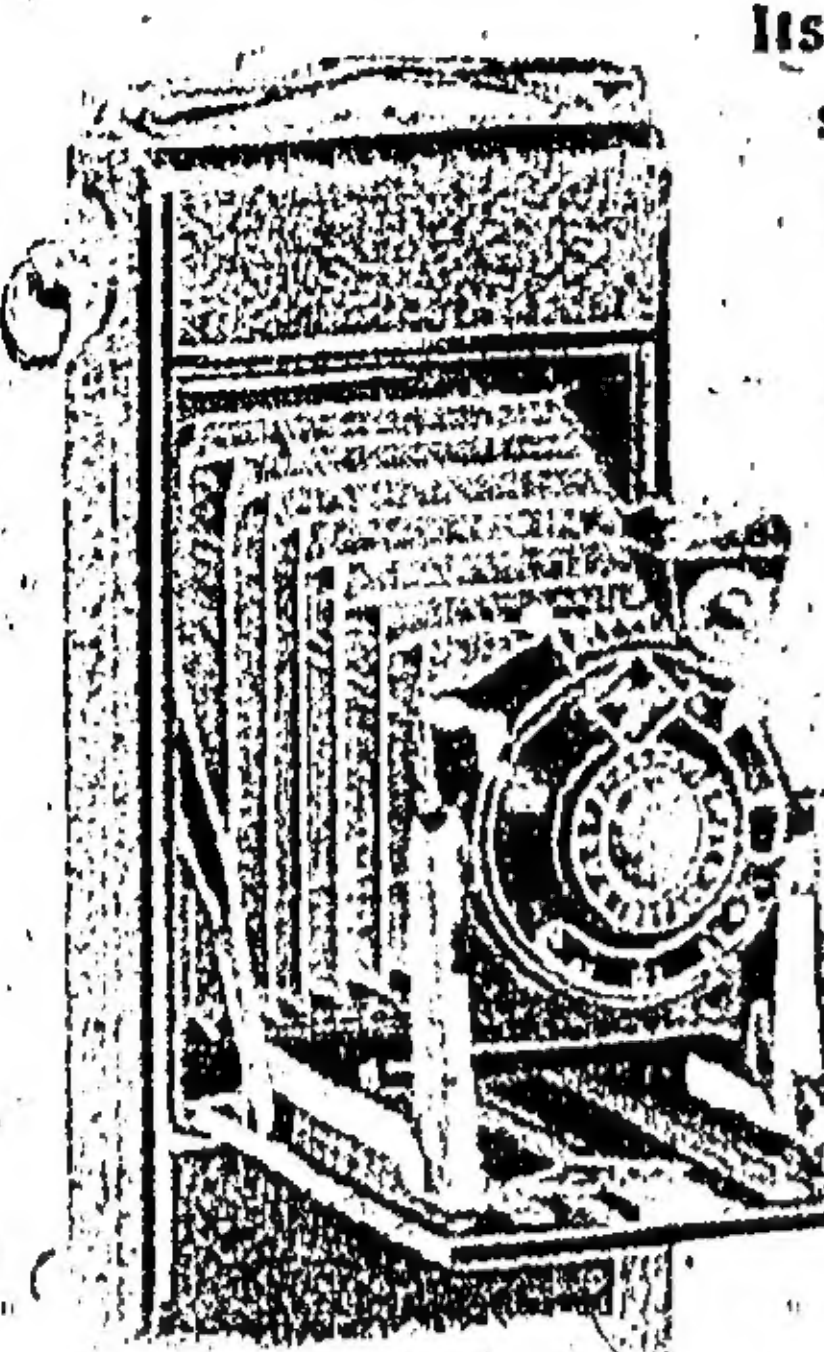
The material portions of this agreement are (1) appellant was to become a sub-editor-reporter in the service of the respondents and faithfully perform the duties of that office for a period of four years from August 1, 1927; (2) appellant was not to engage in any other employment without the written consent of the respondents under penalty of dismissal; (3) the salary of the appellant was to be payable monthly at the following rates:—\$350 for the first year, \$400 for the second year, \$425 for the third year, and \$450 for the fourth year; (4) there were provisions for diminished salary in the event of the temporary illness of appellant and for determination of the agreement if he became permanently incapacitated for the performance of his duties; (5) there was a provision for the determination of the agreement by three months' notice in writing on either side; (6) there was power retained to the respondents to dismiss appellant for certain specified kinds of misconduct; (7) the appellant was bound not to engage in any business similar to that of the respondents during the continuance of the agreement and for five years afterwards; (8) upon the termination of his four years' service under the agreement appellant was to be entitled to a free second class passage to London on certain conditions which need not be specified.—(Continued on Page 3.)

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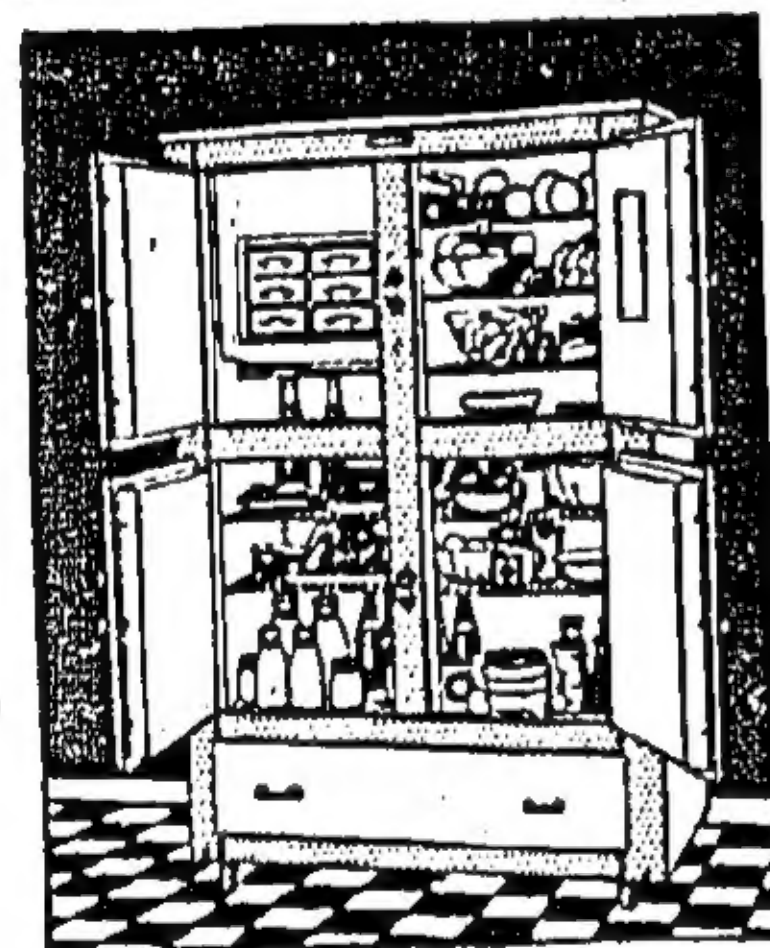
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FRAUD CHARGES AT KOWLOON.

ALLEGED PLAN TO STAGE A PIRACY.

LILIUS IN COURT.

Investigations into the charges preferred against Aleko E. Lilius, a journalist, were commenced before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the Crown entered counts in substitution of three of the original counts.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. L. R. Andrews, while Mr. F. C. E. Reudall appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Andrews said that he had three more charges to hand to his Worship. The defendant was alleged to have cheated five shopkeepers. Two charges were put in last time in respect of shopkeepers and the present three charges were in respect of the other three shopkeepers. The indictments were all worded the same except that for the articles which are mentioned in each case.

Mr. Andrews then proceeded with the case. He said that the last time he was in Court his Worship asked him to address the Bench on the subject of the charges with legal references and authorities but before doing so he (Mr. Andrews) would explain the facts of the case.

The defendant, continued Mr. Andrews, was a naturalised American and by profession a journalist. He arrived on May 21 and stayed at the Peninsula Hotel, booking a room at the rate of \$180 per month. He stayed at the Hotel until July 8 and during his stay he ran up bills at the five shops mentioned in the charges.

Shopkeepers Put Off.

The particulars of the bills were all set out in the charges. The defendant did not pay for any of the goods which he had obtained from the shops but always put them off with the excuse that he would do so and that he was expecting money to arrive from America. He stated that he would pay the shopkeepers on the arrival of the money. On these promises the complainants continued to supply him from time to time with goods.

On July 8, or rather at 2 a.m. on July 9, the defendant left the Peninsula Hotel or attempted to leave the Hotel, with his baggage. He was stopped by the manager who told him that he could not allow the defendant to leave until he had discharged his bill, which amounted to \$795.

The defendant was not able to pay that sum but he took the manager to the room of a resident of the Hotel and after some discussion the resident agreed to guarantee payment of the bill. In fact that friend had paid the bill of the Hotel, who received nothing from the defendant.

Trips to Macao.

During the course of the discussion the defendant told the manager of the Hotel that he was going to Macao on the launch of the Governor of Macao and would return in a few days time. That story was believed by the manager of the Hotel because the defendant, during his stay, had made several trips to Macao and two trips to Canton for short periods of from one to three days in connexion with his journalistic work.

It was interesting to see what in fact he did do, that day. In his statement to the Police after he was arrested he said he had taken a boat for Manila and other places. He said that he decided at the very last moment to board the steamer for Canton and abandon the trip to Macao. That was what he actually did. He said that he was arrested in Singapore and it was always his intention to return.

On these facts the Crown argued that there was no bona fide intention to pay the shopkeepers and actually the defendant left the Colony in those circumstances for the purpose of evading payment of his bills.

Bankruptcy Ordinance.

With regard to the authorities Mr. Andrews said that the charges

were brought under the Bankruptcy Ordinance and he thought it was a rather unusual section for charges to be made under. Mr. Andrews drew his Worship's attention to Archibald's reference to obtaining credit under false pretences. The passage read exactly the same as the particular section in the Bankruptcy Ordinance under which the charges were framed.

Mr. Andrews said that as to defendant's intention, the only way to arrive at that was to see what he had done. Although the Peninsula Hotel did not appear as complainants because, Mr. Andrews supposed they had been paid, he (Mr. Andrews) would have to refer to them considerably and was calling three people from the Hotel. His Worship might think that that had nothing to do with the charges as the Hotel did not figure as complainants, but the evidence was to show that it all formed part of a system.

The Crown Solicitor then quoted his Worship authorities to show that such evidence was admissible.

His Worship, referring to the defendant's statement to the manager of the Peninsula Hotel as to his intention of visiting Macao, asked if the shopkeepers were similarly informed but Mr. Andrews replied that he had not told them that he was going to Singapore or Manila but he might have said that he was going to Macao. He (Mr. Andrews) had no note to that effect.

His Worship asked on what strength the defendant was given credit, and Mr. Andrews pointed out that the complainants had premises in the Peninsula Hotel and he supposed that they had got their knowledge through the boys that he was a resident. It was on the strength of that and the representations and promises he had made to the shopkeepers.

The Evidence.

Detective Sergeant Whelan went into the witness box and gave evidence of having brought the defendant back from Singapore by virtue of a warrant produced.

Mr. E. Arreger, assistant manager of the Peninsula Hotel gave evidence of the defendant having arrived at the Hotel in May. He said that he gave notice on July 8 but postponed his departure, intimating that he intended leaving on the 9th. At 7.30 p.m. that night he said that he was going to Macao, but witness informed the defendant that there was no boat going to the Portuguese Colony that night.

The defendant replied that he was travelling on a special launch and when asked what launch he intended taking replied that it was a launch belonging to the Governor of Macao.

Mr. Andrews intimated to his Worship that the witness was one day out in his dates. He pointed out that the defendant actually left on the morning of July 9, whereas according to witness he left on the 10th.

To Stage a Piracy.

Continuing, witness said that he understood from the defendant that he was going to take pictures.

Mr. Andrews explained to his Worship that the defendant was engaged in photography as well as journalism. "He was going to stage a sort of piracy and take photographs of it," added Mr. Andrews.

His Worship (to witness): Piracy pictures?

Witness: Yes.

Witness said that he again met the defendant at 9 p.m. when he requested that his baggage be taken to him. Witness told the defendant that he would have to pay his bill up to date and presented his account for \$795. The defendant replied that he could not pay the money and witness then explained that it was impossible for him to let defendant's baggage go.

At about 11 p.m. witness met the defendant who asked for his baggage to be released. He tried to get a few friends but could not find them. At 2 a.m. he wrote a guarantee and his baggage was released.

The Guarantor.

Mr. Andrews: The guarantee was signed by somebody else? Witness: Yes, it was signed by a resident.

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Has that been paid?—It has been paid.

Whom by?—By the person who guaranteed.

Had the defendant paid you anything?—No.

His Worship: It is the guarantor's wish to keep out of this?

Mr. Andrews: Yes, I am not calling him.

Mr. Andrews (To witness): When the defendant said that he was leaving for Macao did he say when he would be back?—He said he would be back on the 15th.

While he was staying at the Hotel had he ever been to Macao before?

Yes.

How many times?—I know once. He showed me some photographs.

Did you know if he had been more than once?—Witness replied that he could find out from the books but could not say from his own knowledge.

Did he take all his goods when he left?—When he left he just left one suit case with goods inside.

A list of the goods which were contained in the suit case was produced in Court.

What was his idea of leaving this do you know? Did he say why he left it?—He left it in the room because he was keeping the room.

How long did he say to keep the room for?—He told me he would be back in three or four days time.

His Worship: He said that he would be back on the 15th? On the 15th, yes, and if I liked he would be back before.

His Worship: What did he mean "if you liked"?—Because I

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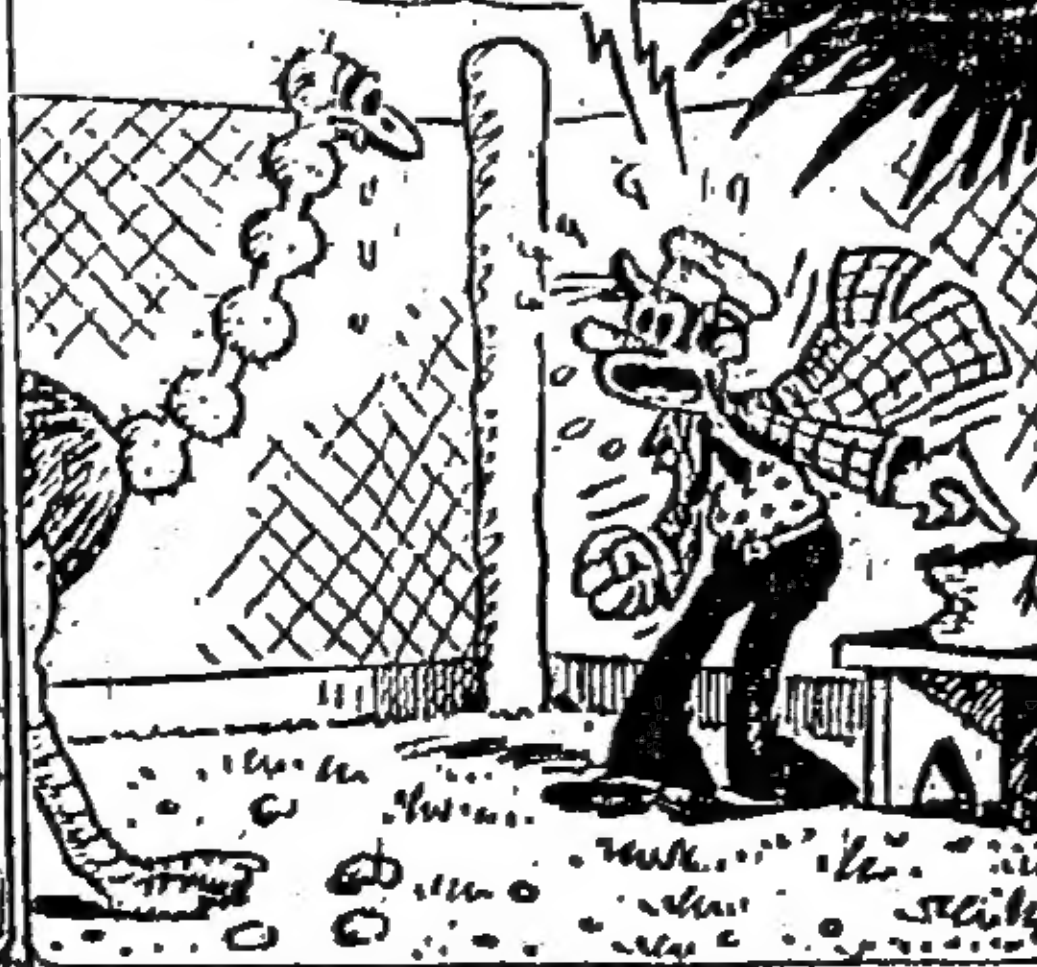
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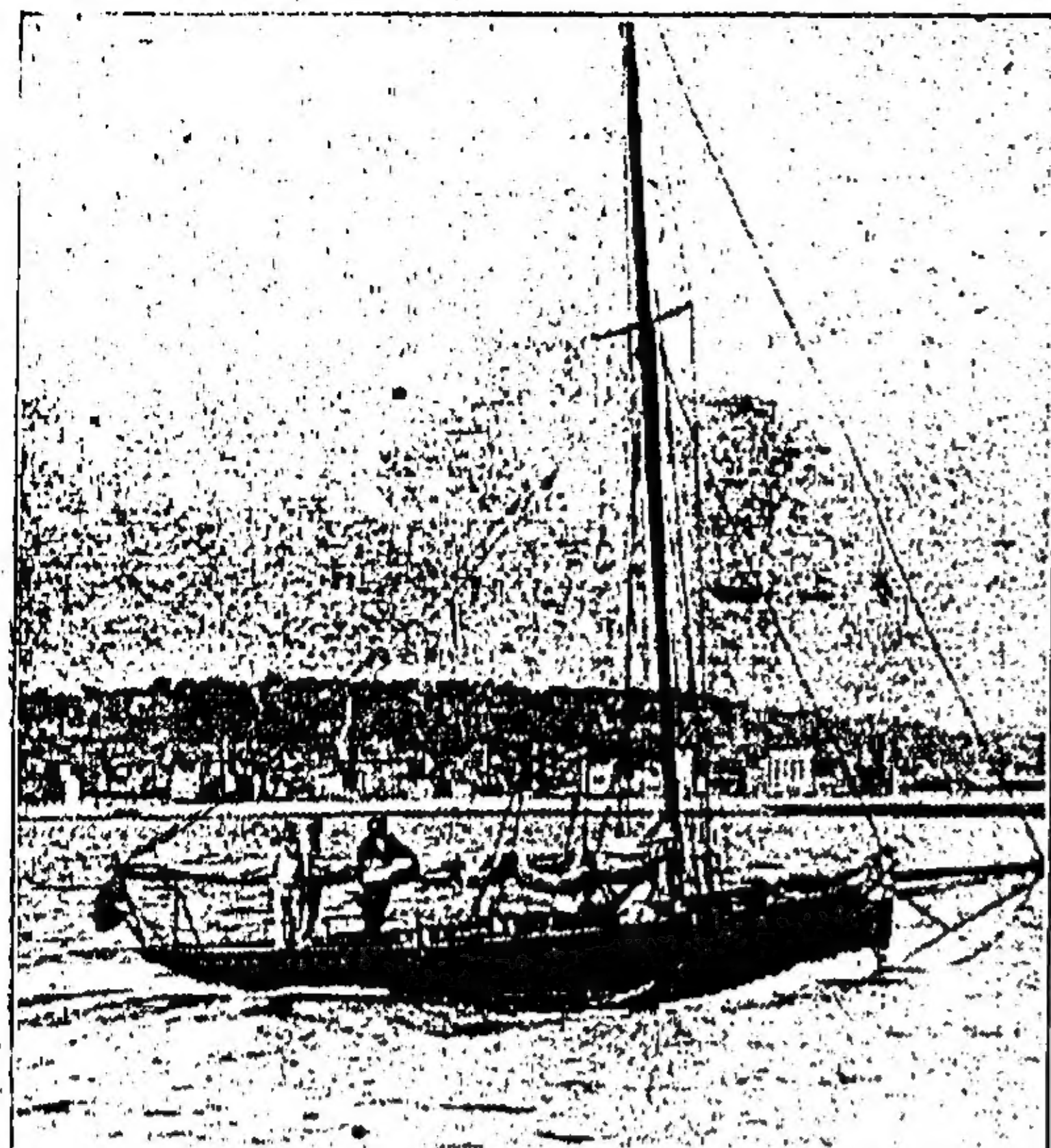


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By Small



M. Alain Gerbault and his 32 ft. Firecrest at Le Havre on the completion of his lonely voyage round the world, which lasted over four and a half years. He was received with great enthusiasm by the crowds on the quay and was invested on the spot with the insignia of an Officer of the Legion of Honour. At the right is a close-up of M. Alain Gerbault. (Times copyright).



An engaging study of what the well-dressed young lady prefers in the way of liquid refreshment these warm days. The photograph is the work of Mr. C. Q. Jim and was displayed at the First Photographic Exhibition by members of the City Bank Club in China and Japan.



Members of the American Scientific Investigation Committee, pictured on their arrival at Hangchow.



The Borzoi puppies shown in the unusual study of concentration above, are "natives" of Shanghai and are the only ones in China at the present time. Their parents were brought from England two years ago and have thrived in the Orient. The Sire, "Mandarin Carl," was the "Best Dog" in the 1929 Shanghai Dog Show.



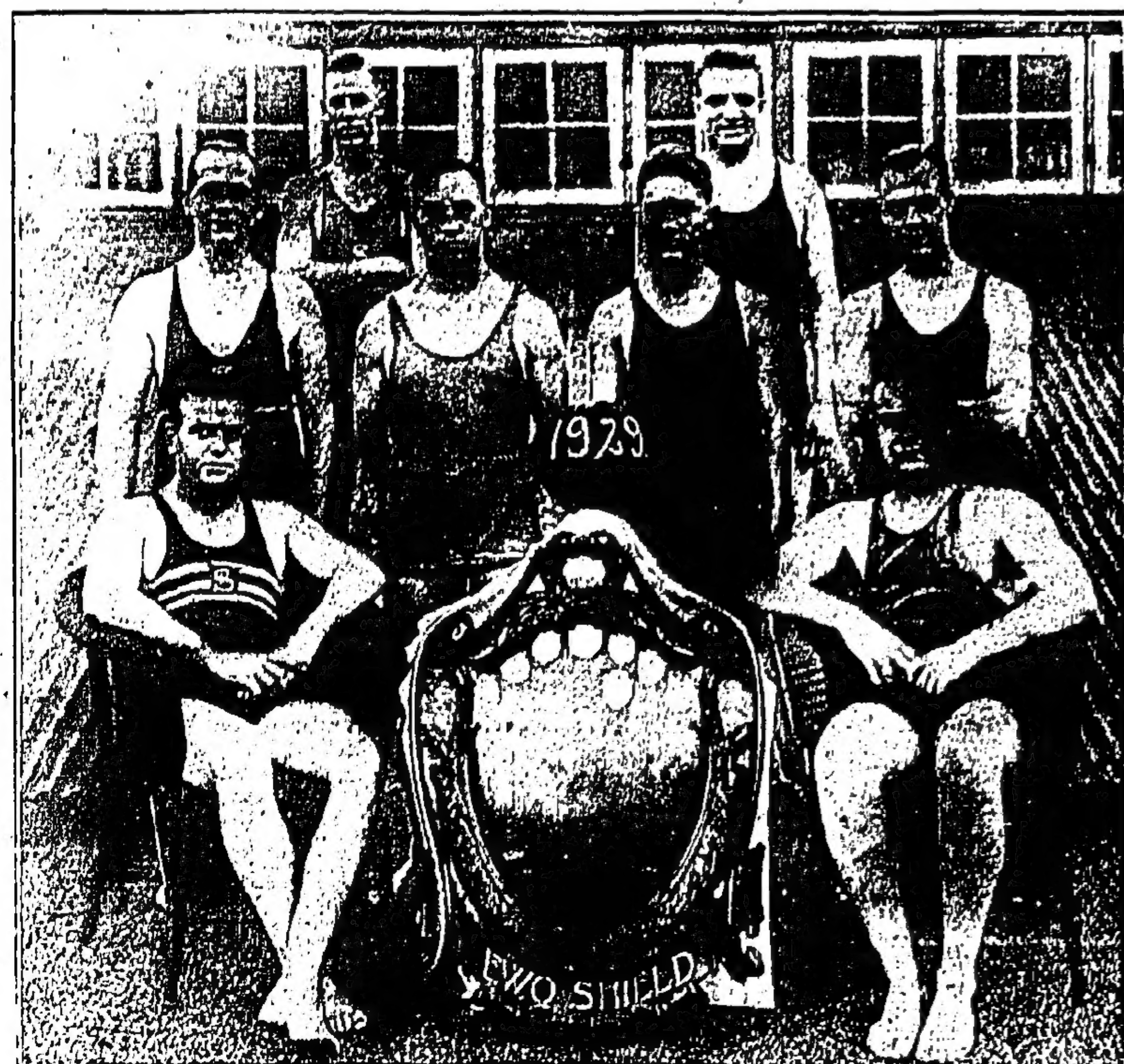
Foreigners enjoying the finest of weathers at Tsingtao. Above is shown M. D'Auxion de Ruffe, a well-known French lawyer, on the beach.



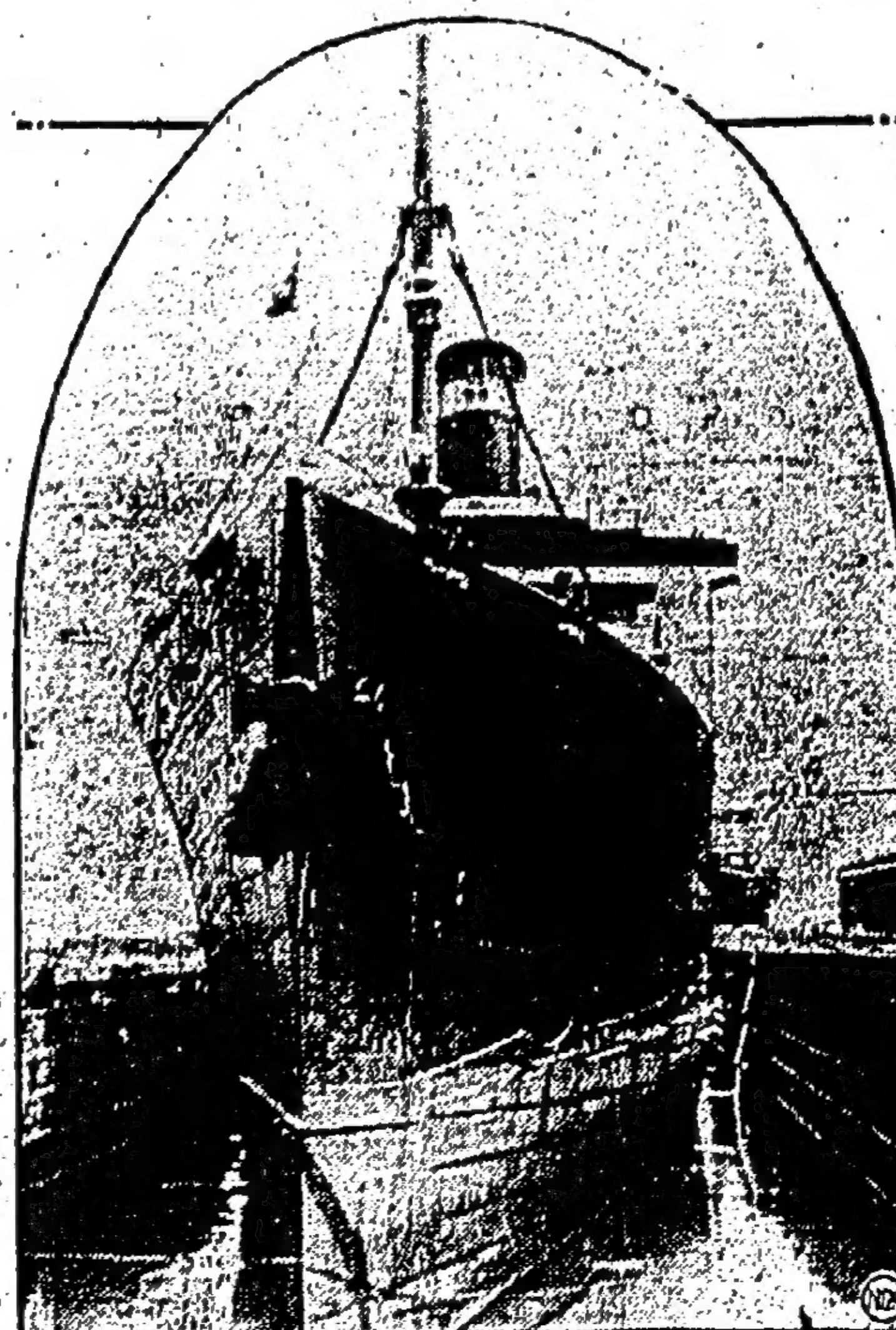
An "air" view of the sweep of the beach at Tsingtao, where the more fortunate of foreign residents in China and Japan spend their holidays. The city is particularly popular with Shanghai residents who flock there in thousands during the season.



Two happy youngsters enjoying their summer holiday at Tsingtao, the finest health resort in the Far East.



The Shanghai Rowing Club "A" team, winners of the 1929 Shanghai Water Polo League, are shown above with their trophy, the Ewo Shield. Left to right, Top row: H. H. Ted, R. E. Berthet; Middle row—O. J. Pierce; O. N. Brown; H. G. Fabian; P. Corneek; Bottom row—J. Krygsmen C. A. Johnston.



Our picture shows the great American liner, the s.s. Leviathan, only surpassed in bulk by the British s.s. Majestic, in dry dock at Charleston, Massachusetts, for her annual overhaul refit. The water has not entirely receded but painters and scrapers are already at work.

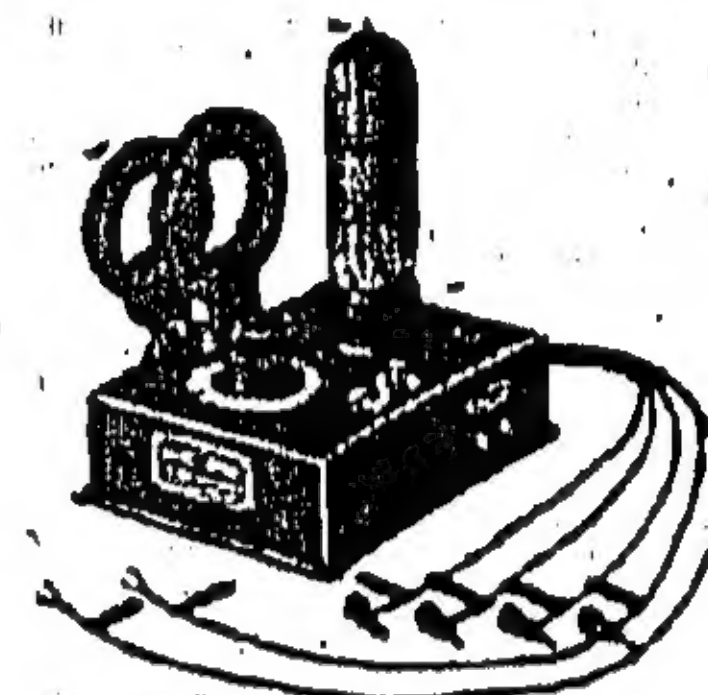
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A. WEILL,
Successor, Sennet Freres,
(Signed) R. WEILL,
Proprietress.
Hongkong, September 3rd, 1929.

NOTICE.

As from June 1st, 1929 we have bought over the goodwill and stock in trade of Messrs. A. Weill, Successors, Sennet Freres, from the proprietress, Mrs. R. Weill, and will carry on the business under the name and style as hereunder:

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 10th September, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 24th Sept., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Hongkong, 4th September, 1929.

NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 9th day of Sept., 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of the Lot	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Yds.	Upset Price
1	Lot 1, bounded by the sea on the north and east, by the road on the south, and by the road on the west.	0.12	834	\$8.00

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SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1230 a.
Chartered Bank, \$20 b.
Morantillo A. & B., \$322 n.
P. and O. \$21 n.
East Asia \$304 n.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$630 n.
Union Ins., \$330 n.
North China, Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$220 a.
China Fire, \$310 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 a.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$271 n.
H. K. Steamships, \$35 n.
H. K. Tugs, \$3 a.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

Mining.
Bonguets, \$3.15 b.
Kailans, 62/6 n.
Langkats, \$15 n.
Shai Explorations, \$12.75 a.
Raubs, \$81 b.
Tronoh, 21/- n.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$129 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$321 a.
China Providents, \$430 b.
Hongkows, \$184 b.
New Engineering, \$173 a.
Shanghai Docks, \$142 b.
Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$17.80 b.
Orientals, \$12.30 b.
Shai Cottons, \$19 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$8.60 b.
H. K. Lands, \$404 a.
Shai Lands \$153 b.
Humphreys, \$14.50 b.
Realties, \$8 b.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$18.20 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.80 n.
Star Ferries, \$66 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$12.90 b.
H. K. Electric, \$591 b.
Macao Electric, \$262 n.
Telephones \$7 b.
China Buses, \$142 b.
Singapore Traction, 11/- a.
Industrial.
China Sugar, 95 a.
Malabona, \$27 n.
Canton Iron, \$2 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$8.85 b.
Ropes (Old) \$6.55 b.
United Asbestos \$5 b.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$19.90 n.
Watsons, \$11.90 b.
Dor A. Wings, \$80 b.
Lane Crawford, \$11 a.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sinceros, \$12 b.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$252 a.
Constructions, \$1.55 n.
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No correspondence is being forwarded via Siberia even if super-scribed "via Vladivostok" except for destinations in Russia.

An Airmail for London will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 6th September and fortnightly thereafter during the discontinuance of the Siberian route. A saving of six days in transit is usually effected (as against the Marseilles route) but no guarantee can be given that connections will be made. Letters must be posted over the counter of the General Post Office and must be super-scribed "Air-mail" and fully prepaid at the rate of 20 cents per half ounce in addition to the usual postage for letters. No insurance will be available but letters may be registered.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Japan	Madras Maru	September 4.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	September 4.
Shanghai and Amoy	Luchow	September 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	September 6.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 9th August), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Garfield	September 7.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	September 8.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers London 8th August)	Kulsang	September 8.
Straits and London (parcels London 1st Aug.)	Asphallon	September 9.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	September 9.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 10th Aug.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Taft	September 9.
Saigon	Angers	September 10.
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan	September 10.
Australia and Manila	Tai Ping	September 10.
Swatow	Van Heutz	September 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Morea	September 12.
Canada, (Victoria B. C. 20th Aug.) U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emps. of France	September 16.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Amoy	Linn	Wed., Sept. 4, 3.30 p
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Wed., Sept. 4, 4.30 p
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed., Sept. 4, 5 p
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thurs., Sept. 5, 9.30 a
Java via Batavia	Tijpanas	Thurs., Sept. 5, 9.30 a
Wei Hai Wei	Cheong Shing	Thurs., Sept. 5, 10.30 a
Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Madras Maru	Thurs., Sept. 5, 11.45 a
	Registration	11.45 a
	Letters	12.30 p
	(Due Brisbane 22nd Sept.)	
Swatow	Hydrange	Thurs., Sept. 5, 2.30 p
Hoihow and Haiphong	New Mathilde	Thurs., Sept. 5, 5 p
Wei Hai Wei	Cheong Shing Fri.	Sept. 6, 10.30 a
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri., Sept. 6, 1 p
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Sat., Sept. 7, 10.30 a

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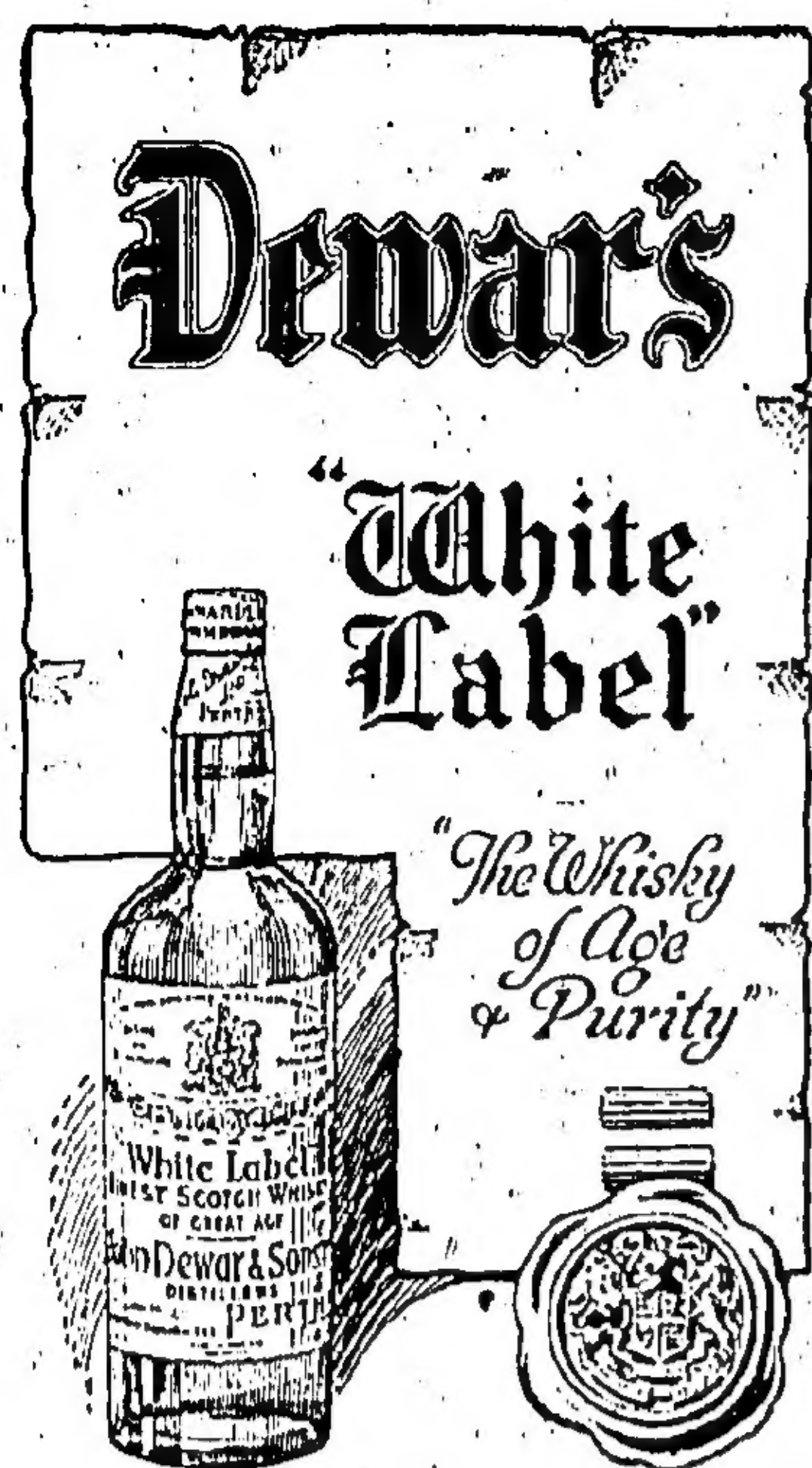
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MARRIAGE.

MORLEY-JOHNES.—On September 3rd, 1929, at St. Pancras Church, Pennyross, Plymouth, Alfred Morley, of the Hongkong Telegraph, Hongkong, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Morley, of Caversham, Reading, to Irene E. Johns, daughter of the late Mr. J. A. Johns, and of Mrs. G. Johns, Truro, Cornwall.

DEATH.

MOOSA.—S. K. Moosa died at his residence No. 1 Chl Wo Street, Kowloon, on 3rd September, 1929. Shanghai, Kobe and Sydney papers please copy.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 4, 1929.

BUDGET MATTERS.

In making provision for considerably increased expenditure in the Budget for 1930, the Government is fulfilling expectations. The monthly statements of revenue which have been issued from time to time have shown a gratifying increase in income, and we imagine that when the current year is ended the surplus will be a good deal more than was anticipated when the estimates were drawn up. It is a happy sign that the financial position of the Colony is showing a progressive improvement, and it is this circumstance which doubtless inspires the Government to go forward with necessary schemes of development, some of which have had to be held up owing to past financial stringency.

At the moment, the data at our disposal in connexion with the Government plans for the coming year is rather meagre, being confined to the totals of expenditure under various heads, plus the sums which are to be spent on the development of the Shing Mun water and other big schemes. So far, no indication is forthcoming of the revenue estimates. It is clear, however, that with so many big projects in hand and contemplated, special provision will have to be made for meeting what might be termed extraordinary expenditure, and in this connexion we note with satisfaction that continued recourse is to be had of the method of meeting outlay by means of loans. It is obviously right and proper that the whole cost of undertakings from which future generations will benefit should not be borne by the present-day resident, and it is on that ground that the system of loan raising is thoroughly justified. Moreover, there is no shortage of liquid

money from investors in this type of bond, witness the popularity of the Government's previous issues. Indeed, Hongkong Government bonds are now quoted at a substantial premium, showing the public's confidence in the future of the Colony. Turning now to some of the heads of expenditure, it is natural that very considerable sums should be required in connexion with the Colony's waterworks. The Shing Mun scheme, regrettably delayed in some of its stages, is now to be pushed on with, with the result that, inclusive of the coming year's provision, well over four million dollars will have been spent on the project. Then the Aberdeen scheme is being put quickly in hand, a sum of one million dollars being set aside for this purpose. Doubtless the whole water situation will be comprehensively dealt with when the Budget is introduced to-morrow. We are pleased to note that harbour development is not being lost sight of in the budgetting, for it is of prime importance that the harbour, the greatest asset which the Colony possesses, should be kept thoroughly modern and up-to-date. An entirely new item is that relating to Air Services, for which over two lakhs of dollars is being provided. Here, again, is evidence that the Colony does not intend to be left behind in the matter of modern transport. We may be late in the field in this regard, but it is to be hoped that no time will be lost in making up leeway.

The Colony's wireless service is to cost a great deal more, but that is only natural when we reflect on the necessity of keeping pace with the times in this connexion. The Radio Department is yielding increasing revenues, the advance last year over 1927 being more than \$38,000, but it is obvious that improvements will have to be faced if the Colony's facilities are to be all that they should be. We hope that the Government's future intentions under this heading will be fully outlined at to-morrow's meeting of the Council. Some of the other Departments show marked increases in expenditure, compared with last year's estimates, but comment on these must be held over until the official explanations are forthcoming. In the meantime, we can reflect with satisfaction on the brighter situation which the finances of the Colony indicate.

Traffic in Opium.

An unusually informative summary of the Colony's position with regard to the illicit opium traffic, revealing the serious difficulties which require to be met by preventive officers, is contained in the annual report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports. Special emphasis is laid on the vicious circle set in motion by the decision to restore the former high prices and better qualities of Government opium, Mr. Lloyd pointing out that the immediate effect was a considerable reduction in sales. Within a month, the Department was disposing of only 5,000 taels a week instead of 12,000 taels, and the sole purpose of the decision, the curtailment of consumption, was utterly defeated, the illicit dealer being permitted to recapture the Hongkong market, which had largely been lost to him during the period of cheap sales. Although the staff formerly devoted to raiding opium dens was diverted to presumably more profitable occupation in the general work of the Imports and Exports Department, there is no indication that the total amount of opium seized was greater than in former years, while authorised sales are about the same as when 1,500 dens were being convicted in a year. These aspects of the report do not make happy reading. Practical experience would suggest that the best policy would be to make smuggling as unprofitable as possible, at the same time restoring the campaign against illicit dens. The report also contains a reference to very suspicious circumstances concerning the habits of small Chinese steamers. It has been noted that while Wuchow superseded Kwangchowwan as the chief source from which illicit opium is being derived, partly due to stricter official control in the southern port, several of the small and ancient steamers plying to Kwangchowwan, on which constant seizures had been made in former years, were diverted to the

DAY BY DAY.

THERE ARE NO PERSONS MORE SOLICITOUS ABOUT THE PRESERVATION OF RANK THAN THOSE WHO HAVE NO RANK AT ALL.—*Shenstone.*

Lieut. K. C. Haskett Smith has been appointed to H.M.S. Bee.

Lieut. H. R. D. Woods, Royal Marines, has been appointed to H.M.S. Hermes.

Lieut. R. T. Young has been appointed to H.M.S. Medway for duty with the submarines.

Last year, the income received by the Hongkong Government in respect of land sales was \$1,642,106, compared with \$146,242 in 1927.

Passengers who left by the Blue Funnel liner Antenor included Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McHutchison, Mrs. Greensmith, Mr. A. E. Wright, and Flying Officer S. F. Cole.

The hearing of a charge of manslaughter against a foki of the Mongkok Market has been fixed for the afternoon of the 17th inst., Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith formally remanding the defendant at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A Chinese was fined \$2 at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for wasting water at a street fountain. It was stated that the defendant had left a bucket under the tap. The receptacle, when seen by a constable, was overflowing.

Two men, arrested in connexion with the armed robbery committed yesterday morning at No. 681, Nathan Road, were formally charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy, and on the application of the Police were remanded for one week.

An application for 24 hours remand was granted by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in a case in which an unemployed Chinese was charged with stealing a counterpane from the s.s. Empress of Asia. The prosecution intimated that further enquiries were being made. There might be other charges.

The week's return of the Medical Officer of Health gives only four cases of enteric fever, all Chinese. There were three deaths from enteric. One death was also reported from influenza, which is not notifiable. Yesterday's return contained one Chinese case of plague and also the discovery of a rat infected with plague. There was one Chinese case of small-pox.

Lieut. Commander R. G. H. Milligan, who is coming out in H.M.S. Cambrian, is appointed to H.M.S. Tamar (N) as Superintendent of Chart and Chronometer Depot. Other officers for H.M.S. Cambrian, which is bringing reliefs out, include Lieut. Commr. J. H. Drummond and Commr. Gunners W. A. Vinnicombe and J. Miles (T).

Lieut. Commander H. C. MacDonald, formerly of No. 51, Queen's Gate, South Kensington, Middlesex and of H.M.S. Wryneck, who died on October 19, 1928, left local estate to the value of \$440,200 while other property outside the Colony amounts to \$5,619 (net). Probate has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is the attorney for the widow, the sole executrix.

Talking pictures are coming to Singapore. They will be there in November, and the first batch will include some of the big London successes. "The Broadway Melody," "The Singing Fool" and "Weary River" are expected to be among the first to be shown. The Australasian Films (Malaya), Ltd., who are financing the scheme, have acquired the distributing rights of the First National and Warner Bros. productions, Mr. R. V. Clarke, their New York representative, who is at present in Singapore, has completed the deal, which was worth \$500,000.

West River run during the season of high water, thus seeming to confirm the suspicion that the smuggling of opium was their chief source of profit. Large seizures were made from the Wuchow boats last year, and continuous hauls have been made this year, though this is not stated, naturally enough, in the Superintendent's Report which deals solely with 1928. Neither does Mr. Lloyd indicate the steps taken to combat the traffic from Wuchow; possibly a precaution against giving too much away to the smugglers. To a certain extent the report is satisfactory. There is no evidence that this Colony is now being used, as formerly, as a centre for large opium deals with foreign countries, the United States or Canada, for instance, while it is clear that Mr. Lloyd's Department has its finger on the root of the evil.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

DOCK EMPLOYEE BEFORE KOWLOON COURT.

C. J. Atchim, of the Cosmopolitan Docks, was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with indecently assaulting and ill-treating a Chinese girl, aged 13 at No. 8, Prince Edward Road on or about June 25 last.

His Worship asked the defendant if he admitted or denied the charge, Atchim replying: "I can't deny exactly, because I have already made an agreement with her. I have signed an agreement with the lady."

His Worship (to Detective Sergeant Meadows):—It is rather unfortunate that there is such an agreement.

The Police Officer said that an agreement had been signed for a sum of \$200. The case came to light through the woman going to the Police Station about some trouble over money. She then complained of assault and the present incident was reported.

His Worship:—Is the position this, that, failing to get money she brought him to the notice of the police?

Detective Sergeant Meadows:—That's so.

The defendant stated that the parties wanted the money in one sum, but he was unable to give it and refused to borrow from a money-lender.

His Worship:—This is a very awkward business. It looks like compounding the offence.

Detective Sergeant Meadows:—Of course, it is only a misdemeanour.

His Worship:—I think you can compound a misdemeanour. I think I will fix a date for the hearing. I don't think we can thrash it out now.

The police stated that the matter had been referred to the S. C. A. and the Public Prosecutor, and it was on the instructions of the Superintendent of Police that a summons was taken out.

The hearing was fixed for next Wednesday.

MILITARY FAREWELL.

K.O.S.B. ADJUTANT GIVEN ROUSING SEND-OFF.

Captain A. G. Dobbie, Mrs. Dobbie and Lieut. the Hon. the Master of Napier, who left Hongkong for England to-day on the s.s. Empress of Asia, were given a rousing send-off at Queen's Pier by detachments from the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Captain Dobbie, who has been adjutant of the K.O.S.B. in Hongkong, is retiring from military life for good, while Lieut. the Hon. the Master of Napier is returning home on leave, after which he will join another Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Starting from Murray Barracks, the procession was headed by the band and pipe band of the Battalion. They were followed by detachments of privates and N.C.O.'s who pulled a motor car by means of ropes, the occupants of the car being Captain and Mrs. Dobbie and the Master of Napier. At Queen's Pier those present lined up and warmly shook hands with their departing Adjutant. Three hearty cheers were given and the "Liger," after which all three stepped into a launch moored alongside.

The farewell ceremony was brought to an end with a full-toned rendering of "Auld Lang Syne" by the band as the launch left the pier.

AIR MAIL TO LONDON.

FORTNIGHTLY DESPATCH FROM HONGKONG.

An air mail for London will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 6th September, and fortnightly thereafter during the discontinuance of the Siberian route.

A saving of six days in transit is usually effected (as against the Marseilles route) but no guarantee can be given that connections will be made.

Letters must be posted over the counter of the General Post Office and must be superscribed "Air-mail" and fully prepaid at the rate of 20 cents per half ounce in addition to the usual postage for letters. No insurance will be available but letters may be registered.

WATER LEVELS.

FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, compiled by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, shows the water levels in English feet on the West, North and East Rivers on the dates named:

	Sept. 2	Sept. 3
Shihing	15.3	18.3
Tsingyuen	5.8	6.5
Shamshu	9.4	8.2
Shedlung	2.8	2.5

The Very Idea!

"Beer," said Professor W. E. Dixon, speaking in the physiological section of the British Association at Cape Town, "from its essential oils and alcohol, is a soothing beverage; it depresses the higher faculties of mind, it does not exaggerate their activity."

The Professor was comparing beer with the tea and coffee often drunk to excess by super-sensitive people; but (says a writer) I think he would find himself, in regard to the qualities of beer, in conflict with Calverley, who wrote—I quote from memory:

"He would shine and petri' his tutor
Must drink draught Allsop from its native pewter."

Taken in excess, of course, beer, like many other good things, has a dulling effect upon the mental processes, and may result in anything from a loss of mental agility to that of a driving licence. Taken in moderation it is, as the Professor says, a soothing beverage, and it is pleasant to find a scientific authority saying a good word for it.

Old Gentleman (to small boy of disconsolate aspect): "And what would you like to be when you are grown up, my little man?"

Small Boy (who has been having a lot of trouble with his people): "An orphan!"

If our teaching is clear and decisive, those whose views it condemns will be hurt.—*The Bishop of Birmingham.*

Kneave though I may be, I have not yet been accused of being a fool.—*Sir William Jowett.*

To-day the Government can do anything.—*Mr. Wheatley.*

Only bad drivers use their horns.—*Mr. Hamilton Fyfe.*

I am not really respectable enough to go to beautiful marriages at St. Margaret's.—*Mr. H. G. Wells.*

It's an easy thing, when you are not on the Front Bench on the Government side of the House, to be fiercely critical.—*Mr. MacLaren, M.P.*

The proper time to influence the character of a child is about a hundred years before he is born.—*Dean Inge.*

A very stout lady was watching the lions being fed, and remarked to the attendant that it did not seem a big piece of meat for such a large animal.

The man replied, "I suppose it does seem a small piece of meat to you, my man but it's big enough for the lion."

[The suggestion has been made that men's clothing should be made to "date" by means of small but noticeable alterations each season.]

I am the man abhorred by all.
Who have to do with clothing.
Because my purchases are small.
They look on me with loathing.
They think such fellows should be made

To look extremely silly,
The butt of Burlington-arcade,
The scorn of Piccadilly.

And so they plot to change the mode
With every changing season,
So what may suit the winter code
In spring is out of reason.

Another button on the cuff,
Or trousers more ungainly—
These things are small, but quite enough
To date me all too plainly.

Well, let them do what'er they may,
I shall not greatly suffer,
Though folk may cry "Behold, I pray,
You quaint Victorian buffer,"
For I shall get publicity
For which I make no payment,
And while the world shall notice me
I'll save upon my raiment.

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The woman with the anxious face
came out of the house and approached
the corner player in the middle
of the road.

"Will you please go away and not
play any more?" said she tensely.

"Why?" he asked. "Is somebody
sick?"

"Yes," she answered. "I am. I'm
sick of hearing you play the cornet."

A machine woodworker in giving
evidence at Shoreditch County
Court: "I was working on light
stuff. Of course, when you come to
the heavier stuff it weighs more."

A man's word may be as good as
his bond but the trouble is that it
is not so easily proved.—*Mr. Justice
Rowlatt in the King's Bench Division.*

Women who suffer pain for years
do not show it in their faces. Men
do. We put on sour faces and use
bad language.—*Judge Cluer at
Shoreditch.*

Man at Tottenham: He challenged
me to fight, but I told him I could
not fight on a Sunday. Six days a
week was quite enough.

Constable of a man charged at
Tottenham with drunkenness: He
put his arms round my neck and
kept saying, "Say the word!" I
said, "You are drunk," and took him
to the police station.

INDIAN CONSTABLE IN TROUBLE.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON CHINESE YOUTH.

NO BAIL ALLOWED.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., the Deputy Superintendent of Police, prosecuted this morning at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, in a case in which an Indian constable named Bahadar Khan, B. 258, was charged on two counts, (a) with assaulting a Chinese youth, Lam Fan, on Thursday night, and (b) with misconduct as a police constable.

In outlining the case Mr. Wodehouse said it was alleged that the assault took place on August 29 at 9 p.m. The complainant was sitting under a lamp in Lower Albert Road, near the east entrance of Government House at the top of the steps leading to the Colonial Secretary's Office. Whilst he was reading a book, two Indian constables approached him. One of them was the defendant, but the other was unidentified.

Struck With Baton.

The complainant, continued Mr. Wodehouse, alleged that the defendant made certain suggestions to him, and when he threatened to report the matter to headquarters, the defendant struck him with a baton. Two women would say that they witnessed the assault, and Inspector Clark, who was on duty that night, would describe the complainant's injuries.

Defendant denied the charges and stated that the complainant's injuries were caused by falling down.

In the box, complainant said that he lived at No. 1 Pumping Station below Macdonnell Road and attended a night school in Pottinger Street. On the night in question he was returning home after school shortly after 9 p.m. and on reaching the steps leading to the Colonial Secretary's Office, he decided to read his book for a while.

Two Indian constables walked up the steps after he had been there for some time and stood near him. One went away, but the defendant remained standing behind, watching him reading.

Two amahs, whom the complainant knew, then passed by and walked in the direction of the Dairy Farm. They greeted him and he returned the salute.

Number Taken.

After the amahs had gone about 15 yards, the defendant made certain suggestions to the complainant, offering him £2. As the complainant took objection to this, the defendant struck him a blow. The complainant then took down the defendant's number.

Then the defendant struck him again, saying that he had noted his number. The complainant blew a police whistle but no policeman responded to the call. Defendant became panicky and wanted to run, but the complainant told him that it was of no use as his number had already been taken. Instead, he advised the defendant to go to the station with him.

Defendant then took out his truncheon and struck the complainant on the back several times. Eventually, the defendant decided to go to the station with the complainant. At the station, the incident was related to the inspector on duty.

The defendant said there was nobody in the vicinity when he laid hands on the complainant. He denied that two amahs had passed when he was with the complainant.

Ho Ho, an amah working in No. 2 Macdonnell Road, corroborated the part of the complainant's evidence about the greeting on Thursday night. She said that after she and another amah had passed the complainant a few "cheungs," she heard the complainant cry out as if in pain. She and her friend then stopped and looked back.

Saw Blows Struck.

She was emphatic that she saw the defendant striking the complainant. She also heard police whistles.

In answer to a question, witness said that the other amah worked in the same house as she did.

His Worship at this point predicted that there would be quite a lot of difficulties in the case. The defendant was bound to say, when he got into the box, that he thought the complainant was a thief and arrested him. Therefore the evidence of the two amahs were very important. His Worship told Ho Ho, the last witness, that he also wanted her friend to hear what she had to say with regard to this case.

His Worship told her to send the other amah up to the Court to-morrow morning. If her friend would not come up to Court, said his Worship, he would send the police for her. There was no need for Ho Ho herself to come up to Court again.

ALLEGED RING OF PICK-POCKETS.

BOY AMONG BATCH IN COURT TO-DAY.

ADING AND ABETTING.

A thirteen-year-old Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing from a Chinese woman, a leather purse, containing one gold finger ring and \$14 in money. Three other Chinese, two of whom were about 16 years of age the other being 32, were alleged to have received the stolen property.

The first defendant pleaded guilty to stealing, but said that there was only \$9 in money in the purse. The others admitted receiving \$3.10 from the first defendant.

Detective Sergeant Fowle, who prosecuted, intimated that he would accept the pleas on the second charge, but his Worship pointed out that the man did not admit the substance of the charge. The Police alleged that the defendants were all together when the offence was committed, causing his Worship to remark that they should have been charged as aiders and abettors.

Sergeant Fowle said that complainant had her pocket picked in Temple Street on August 30. On information received, the second defendant was arrested and detained for enquiries. He took the police to the first defendant who was arrested while the others were later taken into custody.

Subsequent to the theft the complainant received a pawn ticket relating to the gold ring. The ticket was sent by a man named Chak Tak whom the police suspected of being the head of a ring of pick pockets. The man asked in question he was returning home after school shortly after 9 p.m. and on reaching the steps leading to the Colonial Secretary's Office, he decided to read his book for a while.

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TYPHOON ON WAY.

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone covers Korea and Japan and extends eastward into the Pacific. The typhoon is situated more than 400 miles south-east of Hongkong, moving W.N.W. or N.W. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: N.E. winds, moderate, freshening; cloudy; rain later.

A warning issued at 10.20 a.m. to-day says the typhoon is within 60 miles of Lat. 16, Long. 118, moving W.N.W.

Inspector A. Clark, the inspector on duty that night, said that at 9.20 p.m. on August 29, he was in the charge room when the defendant and the complainant entered together. The complainant held a rattan basket in his hands.

Asked what the matter was, the defendant said he had arrested the complainant for running away into the bush on his approach in Lower Albert Road.

The complainant's story then was exactly the same as the statement he now made in Court, said witness.

Witness examined the complainant and found four wheels on his back, which the complainant attributed to the defendant's truncheon.

In reply to his Worship, witness said he was of the opinion that the injuries were caused by a weapon similar to a truncheon.

Bail Question.

His Worship then raised the question of bail. As the defendant was on bail of \$50, his Worship thought that sum far too small in proportion to the seriousness of the charges against the defendant.

Mr. Wodehouse assured his Worship that there was no chance of the defendant getting away.

His Worship, however, pointed out that if the defendant was convicted, the penalty would be more than \$50. He preferred that the defendant be remanded in police custody.

Mr. Wodehouse replied that that could be arranged. The defendant was then remanded in police custody till to-morrow.

BEACH REFUSE.

MYSTERIOUS DUMPING AT NORTH POINT.

The final destination of Hongkong's refuse was again mentioned at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board when Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. M. K. Lo asked questions concerning refuse washed up on the North Point bathing beach and also that at the South China Athletic Association's premises. The questions and replies are given below.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin:—Has the attention of the Head of Sanitary Department been drawn to the contents in a Chinese newspaper on the subject of refuse washed up on the North Point Bathing Beach in which it is suggested that this may be refuse removed by the Sanitary Department; and will he say if in his opinion there is any truth in such a suggestion?

The President:—The articles in the Chinese newspapers have been brought to my notice. I have consulted the Deputy Harbour Master regarding the flow of the tides in the harbour and it seems quite impossible for refuse dumped at sea by the Sanitary Department barges ever to reach North Point.

A chart of the harbour is on view. Refuse is dumped off the island of Kau I Chau, the position having been chosen after consultation with the Harbour Master many years ago. The set of the tides together with the flow from the Canton river normally takes the refuse down the West Lamma Channel. A little may go down the East Lamma Channel. At certain states of the tide the refuse at first travels north until it meets the river flow when it is swept right out to sea. Even if it entered the western end of the harbour it could not reach North Point before the next tide would sweep it out again. It has never been seen east of Stonecutter's Island.

I can think of no way in which refuse dumped at Kau I Chau could reach North Point unless it encircled the island and entered by Lyemun, which, I think you will agree, is, to say the least, unlikely. Mr. M. K. Lo:—Is the Head of the Sanitary Department aware that refuse is now being carried with the incoming tide to the bathing beach by the South China Athletic Association bathing shed?

The President:—I understand that some refuse has been seen on the bathing beaches at North Point and Quarry Bay.

Mr. Lo:—Have any, and if so, what, steps have been taken to prevent refuse, which is removed for disposal in the open seas, from being carried back to Hongkong by tides?

The President:—The place of dumping was chosen in order to prevent refuse being carried back into the harbour. I have every reason to believe that none now enters the harbour.

Mr. Lo:—If, in connexion with such steps, floats have been used to determine the current and direction of the tide carrying and such floats negative the theory that refuse is carried back by incoming tides, has the possibility of such wooden floats being picked up by fishermen for use as firewood etc., been taken into consideration, and in any case will the Head of the Sanitary Department investigate into the existence of rubbish in the bathing beach above indicated?

The President:—The experiments carried out with floats a few years ago may not have been conclusive because of the possibility suggested. I had intended making similar experiments this year with non-inflammable floats, but illness prevented me from carrying out the scheme. I will try and arrange for further experiments to be made next year.

THE SINO-RUSSIAN DISPUTE.

NOTHING DEFINITE ON THE "SETTLEMENT."

FRONTIERS QUIET.

Harbin, Sept. 5. While a lull prevails along the Manchurian frontier it is understood that the exodus of Chinese citizens from Manchuria and Khailar continues and that the military authorities are still enforcing the curfew hour, forbidding pedestrians to appear in the streets after nine o'clock.

Hundreds of Russian infantry have arrived on the borders of Sinkiang Province, and some of these troops are stationed within twenty miles of Chinese territory. Clashes between Chinese and Russian troops in Sinkiang are not, however, anticipated.

Following news of the prospect of an early resumption of negotiations between the Chinese and Russian Governments, the authorities at Vladivostok have released the 2,000 Chinese merchants and citizens taken into custody since the development of the C.E.R. dispute.

The German Consular authorities state that the Moscow Government has sent instructions to Russian military commanders on the frontiers to refrain from further demonstrations.

Harbin, Sept. 3. The German Consul-General at Harbin and the small party of American journalists who a few days ago visited Manchuria and other districts on the Sino-Soviet frontier returned to Harbin yesterday. It is understood they have secured strong proofs of Soviet aggression.

TWO DEFENDANTS ABSENT.

JUDGMENT GIVEN AGAINST COMPANY.

In the Summary Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), Cheng Sun, sub-contractor, No. 20, Lee Yuen Street East, sued the Kin Wo firm, No. 16, Tsung Sau Lane East, and Wan Sal-on, a partner, claiming \$190 for work done and materials supplied for building a staircase at No. 58, Wellington Street.

Both defendants were absent and Wan Sal-on had not been served. Mr. A. el Arculli was for the plaintiff.

After formal evidence that the money was due had been given by the plaintiff, his Lordship asked if there was any reason why the defendant had not been paid. Plaintiff said he had been told by the defendant that he had no money.

Mr. Arculli stated that he had subpoenaed the owner of the house and he who would say that he had already paid \$210 to the defendant. His (Mr. Arculli's) instructions were that the owner of the house and Wan Sal-on travelled in a tramcar together this morning. During conversation, Wan Sal-on told the owner he knew the case was being heard this morning, but he could not pay and was not going to Court.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff for claim and costs against the firm.

In the case where an application was received for fruit to be sold at some shop or other, another committee would deal with the matter. In this case the Secretary for Chinese Affairs would put forward the Chinese point of view and the other member of the sub-committee would deal with the health side of the matter.

He added that he could see Mr. Lo's point of view, inasmuch as things were done in the name of the Board and Mr. Lo had no knowledge of them.

He announced his intention of going into the matter of the Board's sub-committees as soon as possible with a view to discovering whether any improvement can be effected on the existing procedure.

Two Indians, named Motilal Khan and Said Khan, who had just completed a month's sentence in Gaol for arriving in the Colony without proper passports, were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning and charged with vagrancy.

Detective Sergeant Whant said that in applying for the committal of the men to prison on the new charge, it was the intention of the police to keep them there until arrangements had been made to send them back to Singapore; from which port they had recently arrived by the simple process of stowing away on a ship.

Mr. Hamilton made the order as applied for.

Upon the defendants pleading that they be allowed to remain in the Colony, as they had been promised employment by relatives, his Worship said he could not allow them to do that as they had arrived here without proper papers.

SANITARY BOARD COMMITTEES.

NO EXCLUSION OF ELECTED MEMBERS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

That it was rather embarrassing when he was told by people, to whom he might refer as his constituents, that he had nothing to do with the Sanitary Board except on formal matters, was a statement made by Mr. M.K. Lo at yesterday's meeting when he raised the question of the Board's constitution.

Mr. Lo suggested that elected members of the Board were excluded from membership of various sub-committees, but this was refuted by the President of the Sanitary Board, Mr. W.J. Carrie, in an interview with the Telegraph this morning.

The question arose out of the proposed closing of wells when the President tabled a motion that wells opened in contravention of Section 215 of the Ordinance were a damage to health and that the Standing Committee on wells should be advised to take early action to close such wells unless very strong reasons for not so were produced.

Law on Subject.

The Section of the Ordinance referred to reads:—"Where it is made to appear to the Board that any well is in an unsanitary condition, or is likely to prove injurious to health, and that it is expedient that it should be closed and filled up, the Board may call upon the owner, by notice in writing, to close and fill up the same within the time limited in such notice. If such notice is not complied with, the Board may cause the owner to be summoned before a Magistrate, who may make such order in the matter and as to costs as he may deem right. Should the Magistrate order the well to be closed and filled up, he may impose a penalty not exceeding five dollars for each day his order is not complied with."

The motion aroused opposition, led by Mr. M.K. Lo, who is an elected member of the Board. He said that he knew nothing of the Standing Committee referred to in the motion and did not see why elected members should be excluded from Committees.

No Prohibition.

Mr. Carrie explained to a Telegraph representative that other elected members of the Board were members of various sub-committees. Mr. Lo was, at the moment, the junior member of the Board and, in course of time, would no doubt be appointed to sub-committees. There was nothing in the Public Health Ordinance or the Standing Orders of the Board to prohibit elected members being on standing committees.

Mr. Carrie said the committees were necessary to deal with the work of the Board. If all matters engaging the attention of the Department had to go before the full Board, they would never get anything done. For instance, there might be a case where a latrine in a match shed had no fly-proof cover. That matter would be dealt with by the Committee consisting of the President of the Board and the M.O.H.

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He announced his intention of going into the matter of the Board's sub-committees as soon as possible with a view to discovering whether any improvement can be effected on the existing procedure.

Two Indians, named Motilal Khan and Said Khan, who had just completed a month's sentence in Gaol for arriving in the Colony without proper passports, were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning and charged with vagrancy.

Detective Sergeant Whant said that in applying for the committal of the men to prison on the new charge, it was the intention of the police to keep them there until arrangements had been made to send them back to Singapore; from which port they had recently arrived by the simple process of stowing away on a ship.

Mr. Hamilton made the order as applied for.

Upon the defendants pleading that they be allowed to remain in the Colony, as they had been promised employment by relatives, his Worship said he could not allow them to do that as they had arrived here without proper papers.

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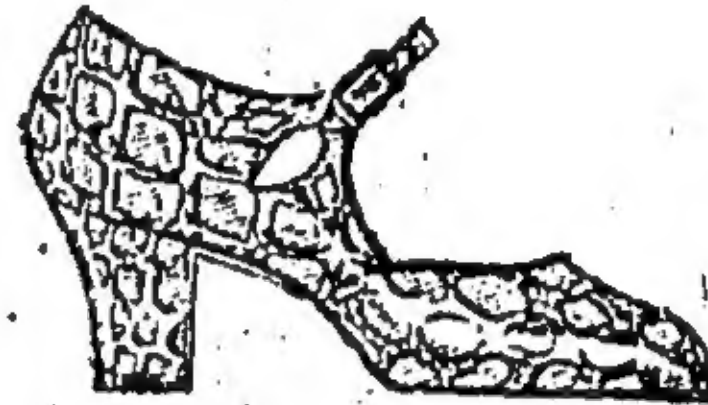
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ATHLETIC MEET.

EXCELLENT ENTRIES FOR TENNIS COMPETITION.

There has been a large entry for the Chinese Athletic Association invitation tennis tournament, open to all comers, to be held at North Point in connexion with the forthcoming athletic meeting when athletes will take part from Singapore and China.

So far there are about 14 players for the singles and 12 pairs for the doubles. More entries are expected to come in. Practically all the best players of the Colony have entered in the two events.

Singles.—M. W. Lo, S. A. Rumjahn, T. Honda, E. C. Fincher, H. D. Rumjahn, H. Lo, S. E. Green, G. Boulker, Yoshida, W. Hardy, In Tak Cheuk, K. L. Ho, Lim Hong So, John Lim, and others.

Doubles.—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, T. Honda and Yoshida, M. K. and M. W. Lo, E. C. and E. C. Fincher, H. W. Lo and C. Chon, S. E. Green and G. Boulker, G. Richardson and W. Hardy, In Tak Cheuk and Chia Tan, Chia Tan and Hong So, and John Lim and others.

Two players of note have arrived from the Straits specially for this tournament. They are Messrs. Lim Hong So, runner-up to Mr. Khoo Hoo-hye in the Malayan Championship, and John Lim, 3rd. ranking Chinese player in the Straits. They will play in the singles and doubles. Mr. Khoo Hoo-hye was prevented by business but may be able to turn up on the 15th inst., when exhibition matches will be arranged for him.

Entries for these open events will be closed by 5 p.m. to-day. All entries must reach either the Chinese Athletic Association or Mr. K. L. Ho, c/o China Sports, 10 D'Agulhar Street by that time. The draw will be announced on Saturday, and matches will begin on the 8th inst.

The dates on which the open events will take place are as follows:

Swimming (Open).

6th Sept. at 10.15 p.m., 100 Metres Free Style (Heats).

7th Sept. at 9 p.m., 100 Metres Free Style (Final).

Track (Open).

7th Sept. at 4.15 p.m., 1,600 Metres Relay.

8th Sept. at 2.45 p.m., 800 Metres Relay.

Tennis (Open).

9th Sept. Singles, 1st Round.

10th Sept. Singles, 1st Round.

11th Sept. Singles, Semi-Finals.

12th Sept. Doubles, 1st Round.

13th Sept. Doubles, Semi-Finals.

14th Sept. Singles, Final.

15th Sept. Doubles, Final.

The matches will begin from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on each day except on the 15th, when the matches have to be finished before 4 p.m.

WATER POLO LEAGUE.

IMPORTANT MATCH DECIDED YESTERDAY EVENING.

Two teams which had hitherto been undefeated in the Water Polo League faced each other last evening at the V.R.C. bath, these being the V.R.C. "A" and the Chinese "B". A large gathering of supporters of both sides witnessed the match, which ended in the former team winning by three goals to one, after a scrappy game.

The Chinese have been said to be about the fastest team in the League, but the V.R.C. backs, being heavier men, used their weight to good effect, the Chinese forwards being shut out every time the ball got near the V.R.C. goal.

The first half was interesting up to the last minute. The V.R.C. team drew first blood through Ling, who hit the ball into the net from a well-placed pass. The whistle for the interval blew with the V.R.C. leading by one goal to nil.

Much rough play was seen in the second half, which was marked by frequent fouls. Pereira increased the V.R.C. lead by placing the ball out of the Chinese custodian's reach after a melee in the goal-mouth, and the same player added a third not long afterwards.

The Chinese tried gamely to reduce the lead, but it was obvious that the issue was already beyond doubt, even though Tan Chin-hing raised the hopes of the Chinese supporters by scoring a neat goal.

K.O.S.B. Teams.

In the other match of the evening, the two K.O.S.B. teams in the League tried conclusions, the "A" emerging victors by two goals to nil. Faulkner scored both these goals, one in the first half and one in the second.

Though the "B" team played as well as they could, the "A" men were superior both in speed and skill.

League Table.

P.W.	P.L.	F.A.	Pts.
V.R.C. "A"	6	—	12
Chinese "B"	5	—	10
Kowloon "A"	5	—	10
V.R.C. "B"	5	—	10
K.O.S.B. "A"	5	—	10
Navy	5	—	10
Somersel	5	—	10
Kowloon "B"	6	1	14
Chinese "A"	6	1	14
K.O.S.B. "B"	6	—	12

HONG DOUBLES.

McHACHRAN AND SUMMERS DEFEATED YESTERDAY.

Only one match was played in the Hong Doubles tennis tournament yesterday afternoon, this being between J. S. McHachran and J. Summers (two 15's) of the Chartered Bank, and A. D. Humphreys and R. Valentine (two 15's) of Messrs. Dodwell's.

The latter pair won in straight sets, the final scores being 6-3, 6-4.

JOURNALIST LOSES APPEAL.

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Under the terms of this agreement entered upon July 19, 1927, the appellant entered upon his duties and would appear to have given satisfaction to the respondents because when Mr. Dobbie left the service of the respondents on January 28, 1928, the appellant was appointed to succeed him as sub-editor. Further, his pay was increased in January and February, 1928, to \$375 per month, in March, 1928, to \$400 per month, and finally in April, 1928, to \$450 per month; though under the agreement of July 19, 1927, his salary up to August 1928 was only to be at the rate of \$350 per month.

It is agreed on both sides that a sub-editor occupies a different grade, with more responsible duties, than a sub-editor reporter. It was argued on behalf of the appellant that this implied the rescission of the agreement of July 19, 1927, and the substitution of an altogether different relation between the parties; although, for reasons that I could not follow, the respondents argued that the appellant was not entitled to the increase in salary by the respondents, continued to operate.

Abrogation Points. It appears to me that if what resulted from the appointment of the appellant to succeed Mr. Dobbie on January 28, 1928, as sub-editor was the abrogation of the agreement of July 19, 1927, that abrogation must be complete and cover all its terms.

The agreement of July 19, 1927, is one not to be performed within a year and consequently must be in writing. It can be altogether rescinded by express verbal agreement; or rescission may be implied from the conduct of the parties. Similarly, rescission on may be effected by means of an agreement which is not enforceable by reason of its not being in writing, providing the intention to rescind can clearly be gathered from such last-mentioned agreement; but it is clear law that an agreement required by law to be in writing cannot be varied except by a valid agreement in writing.

"The question" as Lord Halsbury says in his judgment in Morris v. Union (1919) A.C. at page 18, "is whether there is an intention in any event to rescind, independent of any further intention which may exist to substitute a second contract." And at page 19 of the same report he says: "What is, of course, essential is that there should have been made manifest the intention in any event of a complete extinction of the first and formal contract, and not merely the desire of an alteration, however sweeping, in terms which still leave it subsisting."

As I have said, it is not alleged on behalf of the appellant that the agreement of July 19, 1927, was ever expressly rescinded, but it is argued on behalf of the appellant that his appointment as sub-editor on January 28, 1928, created such a revolutionary change in his relations to the respondents that it should be implied that the parties to the agreement of July 19, 1927, had agreed to rescission except as regards the provisions in it forbidding the appellant to engage in occupation of a character similar to that in which he was engaged under the respondents, though, as I have already said, I am unable to accede to the proposition put forward by counsel for the appellant that the operation of the restrictive clause in that agreement was preserved in spite of the disappearance of its other provisions.

Still Subsisting. Looking at the provisions of the agreement of July 19, 1927, in the light of the duties which, according to the evidence, a sub-editor has to perform, I see nothing in them which are inapplicable to the new post assumed by the appellant on January 28, 1928; and it is interesting to observe that in the letters of January 2, 1929, and April 2, 1929, from appellant's solicitors to the respondent's manager, a claim is not only made for six months' salary in lieu of the three months' salary provided for under the agreement of July 19, 1927, but that the amount of a passage to England is demanded. Now, if this agreement was rescinded by mutual agreement and another one substituted, there is no evidence to support any claim to a passage in the substituted agreement.

It seems to me that this is strong evidence to show that at the time those letters were written, appellant and his legal advisers were treating the agreement of July 19, 1927, as still subsisting, though claiming that it must be adjusted so as to meet the change in his position from sub-editor-reporter to sub-editor. In other words, the position taken up was that the agreement had been varied by parole arrangement between the parties; and this, it is abundantly clear in the authorities, is just what the parties to an agreement required by law to be in writing cannot do.

In my opinion, the appellant must be dismissed with costs and the judgment in the Court below affirmed.

Mr. Justice Wood concurred.

PROPOSED CLOSING OF WELLS.

STERN OPPOSITION AT SANITARY BOARD.

A motion regarding the closing of wells; put forward to the Sanitary Board yesterday by the President, Mr. W. J. Currie, met with strong opposition from members of the Board and was subsequently withdrawn. The motion was one that the Standing Committee on Wells should be advised to take early action to close wells illegally opened during the water crisis unless very strong reasons for not doing so were produced.

The President explained that during the recent water shortage a number of wells were opened, some legally, others illegally. It was therefore proposed, in order to strengthen the hands of the Standing Committee on Wells, that the Board should give some expression of opinion on the matter. It was proposed that a motion should be put to the meeting pointing out that as wells opened in contravention of Section 215 were a danger to health, the Standing Committee should be advised to take early action to close all wells under this section unless very strong reasons for not doing so were produced.

Mr. Currie added that both the Medical Officer of Health and himself had felt considerable anxiety on the question of wells which had been illegally opened. They could not foresee where the action would lead and what epidemic it might cause. The situation was critical, however, and it had seemed better to allow them to remain open than perhaps precipitate a more serious crisis. He thought the water crisis was over for this year at any rate and that the Board should take steps to have the wells he referred to closed.

He proposed the motion that the Standing Committee should be advised to take early action with regard to closing, and the Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Not Necessary.

Mr. M. K. Lo opposed the motion and said he was not at all sure that it was either necessary or desirable. His recollection of the history of the matter was that when the Board discussed a motion by Mr. Wong Kwong-ling for the opening of wells, the Board took up the stand that it had never refused the opening of new wells unless there were sanitary objections, and that under no circumstances would it countenance the reopening of wells which had been condemned.

Perhaps the new position was that the Board might have been more lenient, but he did not think there had been any relaxation in the Board's attitude. Concerning wells which were objectionable to health the Board had ample power to close them. It was all very well for people to say that the Colony was out of the water crisis so far as this year was concerned. The Colony was out of the crisis inasmuch as there would be no actual famine, and that people would not have to wait hours in the streets for water. But restrictions were still in operation. There was only a twelve hour supply and there had been warnings that this supply was contingent on a good many things and there was no assurance that before a few more months were over the water supply would not again be cut down.

Playing "Hide and Seek."

The water question, therefore, was still with them. The responsible authorities were not in a position to say that the water question was not the concern of the public and that the public could always have a 24 hours supply. When that ideal was attained he would be the first man to hold up both hands and say "No more wells." However, until that object had been attained it seemed to be playing hide and seek to say one time "Yes, open the wells," and then, when there was a 12 hour supply to say "Close them." The President interposed and said that the wells affected were those which came within the scope of Section 215 of the regulations.

Board's Constitution.

Continuing Mr. Lo went on to discuss the composition of the Sanitary Board. He said that as one of elected representatives to the Sanitary Board he knew nothing of the Standing Committee referred to. Sub-committees were necessary when the main body was too big to deal with certain questions. As far as his knowledge went there were only four elected members of the Sanitary Board and he did not see why they should be excluded from sub-committees.

He felt it rather embarrassing when he was told by people to whom he would refer as his "constituents" that he had nothing to do with the Sanitary Board except on formal matters. Reverting to the motion he said he hoped it would not be pushed to a division. It seemed to him that the committee should be able to deal with the matter.

Further Opposition.

Mr. Wong Kwong-ling supported Mr. Lo, saying, "I quite concur."

CANTON PLANES.

ONE MACHINE CRASHES AT HANGCHOW.

Shanghai, Sept. 3. One of the planes which hopped off from Canton on Monday morning, met with a mishap at the Hangchow Aerodrome at noon to-day, while landing, and crashed. Mr. Yang Koon-yu, one of the Canton airmen, being seriously hurt.

It is stated that the Canton planes hopped off at Amoy at 9 a.m. to-day, after a brief stay there, and headed for Hangchow. When landing, the aeroplane "Tai Shan" struck the ground, owing to the crowded landing field, and Mr. Yang Koon-yu was injured seriously.

When the machines failed to reach Shanghai this afternoon, a Chinese plane was despatched to Hangchow, and the pilot ascertained what had occurred.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Overdue at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Sept. 3. The squadron of aeroplanes from Canton, due this afternoon have not arrived.

It is stated at Hangchow aerodrome that the machines will arrive to-morrow. It is reported from Hangchow that one of the machines crashed, but there are no details.—Reuter.

Shanghai, Sept. 3. Immense throngs at Hangchow aerodrome were keenly disappointed by the non-arrival of General Chang Wei-chang, the Director of Nanking aviation, heading a flight of seven aeroplanes on the Canton-Nanking flight, via Amoy and Shanghai.

The flight has been interrupted, the aviators alighting at Hangchow. It is announced that they are coming on to Shanghai on Wednesday.—Our Own Correspondent.

In a fire at Leth Hospital nurses' home 17 nurses kept the flames in check by buckets of water until the brigade arrived.

with every word he has said." He added that he objected to the wholesale closing of wells. He cited the case of what was to happen when a well was closed in a district where there was no street fountain and pointed out that the Colony's water storage now only provided for a 35 weeks' supply. The fact that there were still restrictions showed that the storage was not yet entirely satisfactory. As there was a Standing Committee on wells he thought the Board should take the word of it.

Mr. T. N. Chau gave further support and said he was against the wholesale condemnation of wells.

The M. O. H. on Closing.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. A. Fawcett, pointed out that during the discussion some members had gone from the original question. Wholesale closing of wells was not suggested and was not intended. There was an enormous number of wells in the Colony. The majority of them were essential and harmless, being used for flush closets. There were other wells which provided a good water supply. They were tapped, only of wells illegally opened—those opened purely on the initiative of people themselves against the Government's Ordinance on the subject. These were the wells they wished to get closed.

During the water shortage he had started a number of flies regarding certain wells and he had now fifty such flies dealing with wells sunk illegally. Many of the flies dealt with more than one well and showed that there were many which in other times would not have been allowed to be opened.

"Few Drops of Muddy Water."

It had been suggested that these wells had in some way helped during the water shortage. If anyone cared to read through the files which he had kept he would be struck by the fact that practically none of the wells had been of the slightest use. He doubted whether any of them had contributed to an alleviation of the water crisis. The majority of these wells had given a few drops of muddy water—water providing more dangers for the users than if they had gone without water.

Dr. Fawcett pointed out that all the motion did was to request the Standing Committee to do its duties and to do them a little more expeditiously. The motion had been put in to get the question dealt with as quickly as possible.

Concluding, Dr. Fawcett said it was absurd to suggest that now, at this stage of its history, Hongkong wanted to go back to the well system in order to solve its water problem. Such a suggestion was an outrageous one.

The President said that in some respects the motion was unnecessary. As there had been objection to it he was prepared to withdraw it and leave the matter in the hands of the Standing Committee.

The motion was accordingly withdrawn.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

U.S.S. GUAM DEFEAT THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC.

In one of the most tightly fought battles seen this season, the U.S.S. Guam baseball team gave the South China Athletic Association Indians the second whipping at Carroll Hall diamond yesterday by the score of 4-3. The game scheduled to go only seven innings had to go overtime and required eight innings before the winner could be decided, just as darkness hung overhead. It is a real baseball game in every respect, fine fielding, good base running and timely hitting, clean playing throughout, and those who wandered over to Carroll Hall yesterday afternoon certainly got a treat as far as baseball goes.

This afternoon, at the same time and place, the sailors will meet the Japanese, and on Thursday they will play the Filipinos. These are all exhibition games, but they are well worth seeing for the sailors certainly can dish out some clean playing, and our local lads had to travel to be able to trim them.

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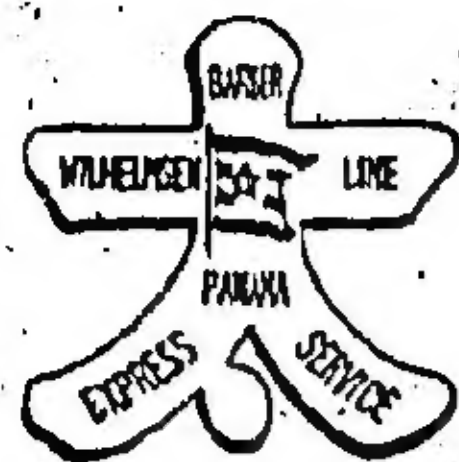
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CASE OF PLAGUE.

SECOND NOTIFICATION
THIS YEAR.

A minute by the Medical Officer of Health on the recent case of plague was tabled at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board when the President, Mr. W. J. Carrie, announced that a second case of plague had occurred, this being notified from the house adjacent to the one where the first case was discovered.

There had now been two human cases of plague and four infected rats had been found.

The President added that Mr. Wong Kwong-tin had raised various questions on the minute to which he would like to reply. On the subject of disinfecting he explained that when this work was to be carried out by the Sanitary Board staff it was customary to warn the district *kai fong* through the public dispensary in the neighbourhood.

This was done in a case to which Mr. Wong Kwong-tin had referred but the clerk was not at the dispensary. The order was always carried out.

Plague and a Theatre.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin had suggested that the Ko Shing Theatre should have been included in the premises inspected after the first case of plague was notified. The theatre was, however, some distance away from the area where infected rats had since been found and in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health it was unnecessary to include it in the inspection.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin had also raised the question of notification to members of a case of plague. The President pointed out that the return of the Medical Officer of Health was made public on the following day. It was issued to the Press and the Consular Body, etc., and it was imperative that it should be.

In conclusion Mr. Carrie said he thought members of the Board would appreciate the excellent work of the staff of Sanitary Board inspectors in the intensive cleaning done in the district where the first case of plague was discovered.

Warning of Disinfecting.
Mr. Wong Kwong-tin said he thought that a telephone message regarding intended disinfecting was not enough. He suggested that in addition a written notification should be sent to the dispensary clerk.

Mr. Carrie replied that there was no legal obligation to inform the dispensary but it was done in order to protect the Sanitary Board inspectors. In such a case as the one under discussion it was impossible to give long notice. It had been customary, since the procedure was adopted, to telephone the clerk at the dispensary the time at which disinfecting would take place. The President added that he would look further into the procedure.

OPIUM SMOKING.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE DEALING
WITH THE FAR EAST.

Geneva, Sept. 3.
The League of Nations' opium enquiry committee leaves tomorrow—*Reuter*.

The committee is enquiring into opium-smoking in the Far East. It was announced last April that the required sum of 250,000 Swiss francs was available for the purposes of the enquiry.

MURDER CHARGE.

PRISONER'S SANITY
QUESTIONED.

The extraordinary demeanour of a prisoner who smiled and in other ways manifested a complete indifference to his position when facing a murder charge at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, caused doubts to be expressed with regard to his sanity.

He is Yin Yat-hong, a member of Sandalwood Workers Guild, who is charged with the murder of Lo Kau another member, by cutting his throat with a kitchen knife. When asked if he fully understood the serious nature of the charge, accused smiled broadly and, with a flourish of hands told the Court that all that was necessary for them to do was to look up the signed statement he had made to the police.

The Public Prosecutor, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, said that the crime occurred on August 11, on a floor at Second Street, West Point, which was used as a meeting place for members of the Chin Yick Sandalwood Workers Guild. It was also used as sleeping quarters.

A habit of some of the members was getting up early to go to the tea-shop, and evidence would be called to show that between 4 and 4.30 a.m. as these members went out, they saw the accused sitting on his sleeping mat and smoking quietly, to all appearances in his normal senses.

But at 5.30 Chan Chiu, a man who was still sleeping, was awakened by someone cutting his throat, and he sprang to his feet to observe the accused standing over him with a kitchen knife. Another sleeper had been wounded in the chest, while a third had his throat already cut and was bleeding freely.

Alarm Raised.

An alarm was raised, and the man who was cut in the chest, rushed out to the verandah, intent upon putting the greatest possible distance between himself and the accused. "He does not seem to take much more interest," he thought, "than the better part of valour. One cannot blame him for it," explained the Public Prosecutor.

Subsequently, the accused was dispossessed of the weapon, and all those concerned in the affair went to the West Point Police Station. Lo Kau, the man who had his throat cut, was also taken to the Station, but before he could reach the Hospital he had succumbed to his injuries.

At the Station, the accused promptly volunteered the statement that he had inflicted the injuries, and showed by his willingness to speak, that he wished to keep nothing back which would hinder the police investigations.

Speaking of possible motives which may have actuated the accused, the Public Prosecutor went on to say that the Guild offered the advantage of a scheme whereby sandalwood workers temporarily out of employment, would be supported from a common fund maintained by monthly contributions. Thus a large number of members on the day in question, were being housed on the premises and fed from these funds.

The accused was also one of the unemployed members, but by giving his services as a cook, he was fed free of charge, and, in addition was given some money to spend.

He had been to the market where he bought a dried duck and

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HER TRIALS.

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served it up to the other members. They complained that it had gone wrong, and after some talk, the accused agreed to reimburse the common funds to the extent of what these had been deprived of by the cost of the duck, which was \$1.36. He also debited himself with a sum of \$2, he had spent and otherwise unaccounted for.

Administration of Funds.

Another matter brought to light was in connection with the administration of these funds, over which it was known that the accused had had an argument with Lo Kau, the man who was murdered. Lo Kau had then told accused that it was his (Lo Kau's) business, to look after the funds, "even in the matter of a simple hair missing."

An additional detail about these funds, was that a monthly contribution was made compulsory. Failure to pay at the proper time would mean that the amount would be doubled for the defaulting member, so that it was not surprising that the accused, who was one of those defaulting members, should at the end of some months, find himself debited with a large amount in the books. He found he was in debt to the Guild funds to the extent of \$53.65.

At any rate, one could be a millionaire in a short time if the money was paid, said Mr. Fitzroy. This and other matters, already mentioned may or may not have preyed on the accused's mind. At any rate, he did not show it, being, to all outside appearances, normal until the morning in question.

It all appeared to be so unreasonable, this murder being committed without apparent premeditation and for so little cause, that he (the Public Prosecutor) thought the man's mind was not all it should be, and he asked the prison authorities to keep the man under observation. The reports received were that he was apparently normal, and he (the Public Prosecutor) would leave the case at that, only commenting that it was a sad one in a way.

Assault with Chop-sticks.

Dr. Cannon, medical officer attached to the Gaol, who made a post-mortem examination of the murdered man, deposed that the primary cause of death was due to a cut throat. Five cuts were inflicted with a saw-like motion with an instrument which could have been the kitchen chopper produced in Court. The accused was, to all appearances sane, but witness had to bring to the notice of the Court that, only that morning, the accused had committed an assault on a warder with his chopsticks.

Formal evidence was given by Mr. C. A. Grimes, of the Public Works Department, who produced plans of the floor.

The case was adjourned.

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ROBBERS ARRESTED.

MORNING VISIT TO HONGKOK DWELLING.

Armed robbers yesterday morning visited a house in Mongkok, but were forced to give up the attempt on an alarm being raised by their intended victims.

In a police report, it is stated that four men called on the second floor of No. 681, Nathan Road, and induced the inmates to open the door by presenting a faked letter addressed to the principal tenant. While one of them produced a knife and made threatening passes with it, before the inmates, his fellows proceeded to search the floor for money and other valuables.

Absorbed in the task, they did not observe the return of an amah, who had gone up to the roof to hang out clothes to dry. On seeing what was afoot, she blew a police whistle, and the robbers became panicky and ran from the floor.

Two of them thought to make their escape by climbing a stairway leading up to the roof, but were cornered and arrested by the police. The other two robbers got away.

Nothing was stolen from the floor.

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The Cumberland, of which Captain L. F. Potter assumed command in April last, is the first of the new 10,000-ton "county" class cruisers in the Royal Navy to complete a commission.

Her four sister ships will leave the China Station to recommission at home on the following dates—

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These dates, which are manifestly fixed so as to allow of the return of one ship before the next one leaves the station, provide that the commissions of the Cumberland and the Berwick will last for less than the normal two years and a half, whereas those of the Cornwall and Kent will extend beyond two years and a half. The Kent was commissioned at Chatham on June 25, 1929.

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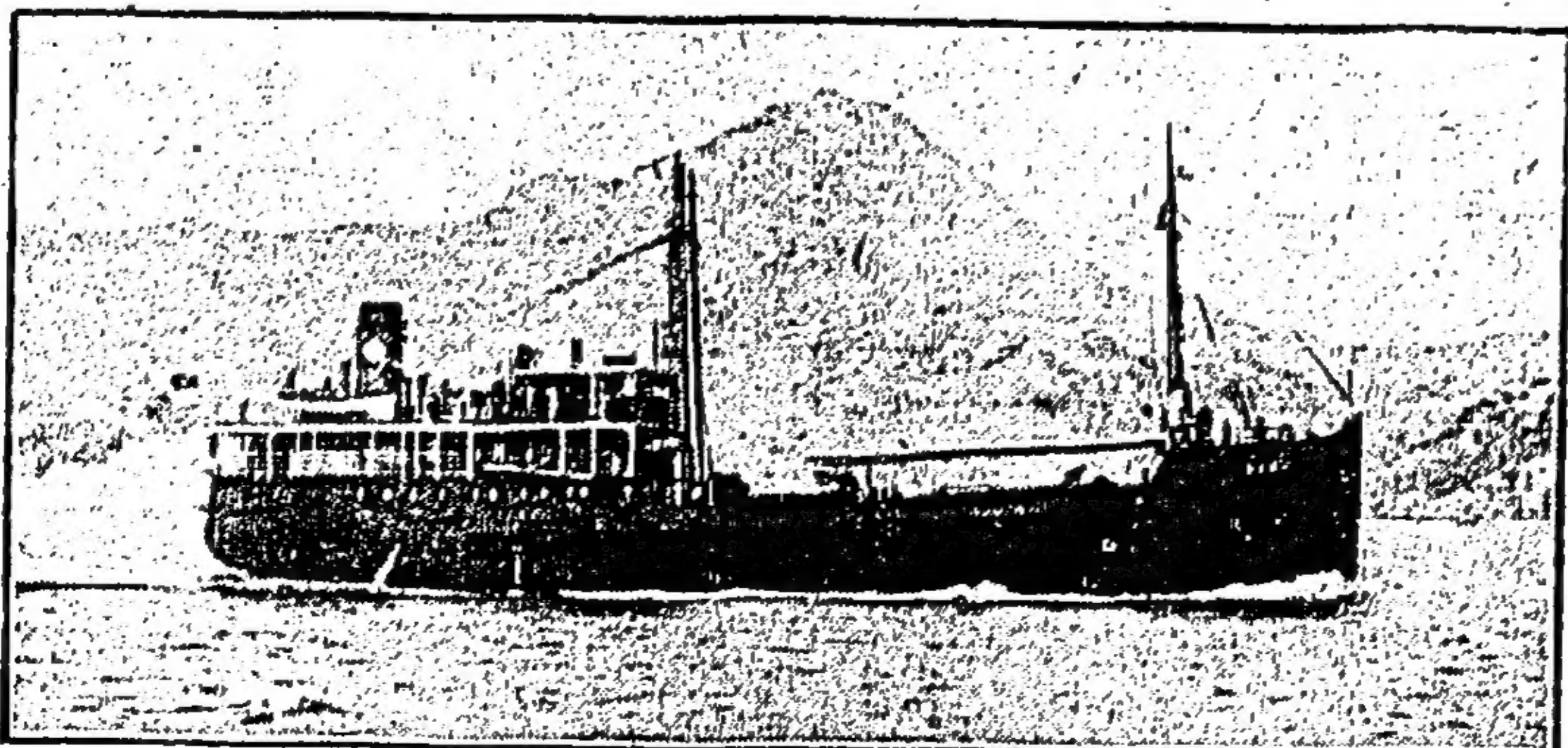
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THE STREET BOYS' CLUB.

INTERESTING REPORT ON
ITS ACTIVITIES.

A YEAR'S SAVINGS.

According to the annual report of the Superintendent of Police the membership of the Street Boys Club is 29 of whom 23 boys were in the Club in January, 1929.

During the year 5 boys absconded from the Club; 2 boys obtained permission to return to the country and failed to return. One boy, employed at the Police Store, was arrested for larceny and sentenced to 2 weeks hard labour. On discharge from Gaol, he went to Cheung Chau and found employment.

Five boys who had been arrested for minor offences were discharged by the Police Magistrate and admitted as members of the Street Boys Club.

During the year 8 boys have been sent to the St. Louis Industrial School; one absconded.

Nine boys are employed as messengers; 13 boys were given a free Merchant Seamen's Licence and allowed to hawk; 7 boys at St. Louis Industrial School.

The Funds of the Club on 31-12-28 amounted to \$4,027.43.

The boys employed are encouraged to save part of their earnings, with the result they have saved \$258.91 during the year.

During the summer months the boys attended a bathing party once every week at Kowloon Park. Ten boys took part in the Police Athletic Sports held at the Victoria Recreation Club Baths in September, and all displayed great keenness. During the winter months hot baths are provided regularly at Police Headquarters.

The Club premises remain at No. 40, Hollywood Road, 3rd floor, not far from Police Headquarters. Chinese Police Sergeant Fung Kam resides on the premises and attends to the welfare and discipline of the boys.

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONS.

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Derbyshire easily bettered the Nottingham total. The champions batted first and were all out for 175. Derbyshire, in reply, scored 221 for 3. No further play was possible.

KEEN STRUGGLE.

Three Centuries Scored at Lord's.

Middlesex defeated Surrey on the first innings in a keen struggle at Lord's the match producing three individual hundreds.

Surrey made 294 on taking first knock and Middlesex replied with 310, the principal contributor being Patsy Hendren, who scored exactly 100. Hendren is, at this late stage, showing signs of returning to form after long staleness due to the Australian tour.

Surrey made a better showing in the second innings, Hobbs scoring 111 and Gregory making 118 (not out). Pender was able to declare at 299 for 5 wickets.

Middlesex had scored 125 for the loss of 4 wickets when stumps were drawn. Gower took all four wickets at a cost of 51 runs.

WOOLLEY'S HUNDRED.

Big Kent Score Against Essex.

Kent scored a first innings victory over Essex, hitting up 454 in answer to a total of 295.

O'Connor was the star performer for Essex. He hit up 102 in good style, while Beslee, coming on late for Kent, took 4 wickets for 40 runs.

Woolley, who reached his hundredth hundred in Kent's last previous match, again achieved a three figure innings, scoring 118 of Kent's total of 454.

Essex lost six wickets in scoring 142 in their second innings.

GLAMORGAN'S EFFORT.

First Innings Points.

At Swansea, Glamorgan defeated Northamptonshire on the first innings, scoring 224 (V. W. C. Jupp, 6 for 73; Matthews, 4 for 55) as against 179 (Ryan, 7 for 82) by Northants.

Glamorgan's second innings had produced 130 for 5 wickets when rain prevented further play.

WORCESTER COLLAPSE.

Somerset Club in the Table.

Somerset took precedence over Worcester in the championship table as the result of a first innings' victory over that county.

Worcester collapsed on batting first, being all out for 99, Wellard taking 4 wickets for 44 runs.

Somerset compiled 272, and with 173 runs required to avoid an innings defeat, Worcester hit up 95 runs for 1 wicket.—*Reuter*.

LOCAL FACTORY CONDITIONS.

FEWER CHILDREN NOW
EMPLOYED.

LEAD POISONING IN SOME ESTABLISHMENTS.

DANGEROUS TRADES.

Some interesting facts in relation to Hongkong factories are contained in the annual report of the Inspector of Factories, which is issued as an annex to the report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. This states:

Most of the factories in the Colony have worked very much under their full capacity for the greater part of the year. This has resulted in a further decrease in the number of young children employed.

The knitting factories in Kowloon and the cigarette factories in Hongkong formerly employed large numbers of young girls of 12-15 years of age. With trade in an almost stagnant condition no new leavers were taken on and those children already employed have outgrown the age of registration. Should trade improve so that extra hands are needed it may be expected that children will again be engaged as learners.

The almost complete absence from factories of children under 15 is but a temporary state of affairs due to present conditions and does not necessarily indicate a changed attitude on the part of employers. When trade improves children will again be employed in large numbers.

The total number of children now working in factories is 100. These are employed in knitting factories. No European firms in the Colony employ children under the age of 15 years.

Glass-Making.

A noteworthy feature of this trade is the increasing number of women and girls employed. They are rapidly displacing the men in every-thing but the actual glass blowing. This may be the result of the restrictions placed on the employment of boys in glass factories.

The work is unsuitable for women and is carried out under conditions which make glass making an exceedingly unhealthy and dangerous trade.

Fireworks.

There is only one factory in the Colony where fireworks are made. Children are not employed, most of the workers being women. The factory is modern and the work is carried on under fairly safe conditions, although from the nature of the industry there is always a considerable danger of explosions.

Another factory has recently been established on the beach at Kennedy Town and although termed a "cracker factory" is not actually such since no filling with powder or other explosive is done there; the work carried on being the making of the tubes or cartridges which are sent elsewhere to be filled.

Lead Poisoning.

During the year investigations were made into the conditions prevailing in the white lead and vermilion factories with a view to ascertaining to what extent the workers in these trades—most of whom are women—suffer from lead poisoning or mercurial poisoning contracted during the course of their employment; and to consider what measures can best be taken to minimise the risk from such industrial diseases.

Enquiries so far made show that a large proportion of the workers show signs of "blue gum," the typical symptom of lead poisoning, and some of the men also showed symptoms of mercurial poisoning.

The methods of manufacture in these factories are very primitive and the sanitary accommodation together with washing facilities most unsatisfactory. The enquiries are being continued and may result in the recommendation of certain preventive measures to deal with these diseases.

Further enquiries were made as to the use of white lead in house painting etc. It was found that lead paint is in general use in the Colony, but there was no evidence that the painters themselves suffered any ill effects and it was not found practicable to attempt to restrict its use.

The total number of accidents in factories during the year was 69 (7 fatal) as against 43 (9 fatal) for the eight months of the previous year, when accidents were first made notifiable.

The rainfall recorded at the Botanic Gardens during August amounted to 29.07 inches. The heaviest fall, 4.32 inches, was registered on the 15th. The next heaviest was on August 22 when the typhoon passed near the Colony and brought 3.02 inches. There were only seven days on which no rain fell.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INCREASE.

NEARLY 900 REPORTED FOR
LAST YEAR.

MORE PROSECUTIONS.

Some interesting facts in regard to traffic prosecutions and motor accidents are given in the annual report of the Captain Superintendent of Police, just issued.

It is shown that the number of prosecutions in 1928 was 6,711, compared with 6,740 in 1927, and whilst the respective conviction figures were 6,321 and 6,431. During the year, there was only one prosecution for manslaughter, and this was discharged.

The total number of accidents reported during the year was 888 as against 611 in 1927.

The total number of fatal accidents was 39 against 39 in 1927.

Among the licences issued during the year were the following comparative figures for 1927 being also shown:

Public Rickshaws	1927	1928
Private Rickshaws	1,717	1,649
Public Chairs	930	865
Private Chairs	610	610
Private Drivers	121	106
Drivers & Bearers	17,155	16,894
Truck Licences	1,018	957
Motor cars (Private)	348	401
Motor cars (Public)	1,000	1,148
Motor cycle (Drivers)	2,717	2,970
Motor cycle (Licences)	511	538
Motor cycle (Drivers)	426	362

The total number of persons examined as motor drivers during the year was 1,665 as against 876 in 1927.

The total number of persons passed as motor drivers during the year was 1,218 as against 689 in 1927.

The total number of put in motor vehicles examined and found unfit for public use during the year was 358 as against 116 in 1927.

The total number of public motor vehicles examined and passed fit for public use during the year was 1,408 as against 680 in 1927.

The total number of motor driver's licences suspended during the year was 69 as against 13 in 1927.

The total number of motor driver's licences cancelled during the year was 4 as against 4 in 1927.

OPTIONAL CLAUSE ASSEMBLY?

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of course, could ever tolerate such an outbreak. Our first duty was to get the situation in hand and that had been done, and the second was to enquire into all the circumstances to discover the reasons for the outbreak and to enable measures to be taken to prevent a recurrence.

Tariff Barriers.

The British Premier concluded by a brief reference to international trade. He declared that the League of Nations must do more to solve international economic problems. Tariff barriers, he said, were unjustified. They produced poverty and low wages.—*Reuter*.

U.S. Comment.

Washington, Sept. 3. Commenting on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's speech at Geneva, Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, said a considerable period of hard work on details was still required before an agreement on Anglo-American naval parity was reached, but hopeful progress had been and was being made.—*Reuter's American Service*.

"SURPLUS" OPIUM.

CONFISCATION ORDERED BY COURT.

Charges of having in his possession seven tacks of Government opium in excess of the five tacks allowed by Ordinance, and of attempting to export twelve tacks of Government prepared opium, were brought against a Chinese who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant admitted possession and said he required the opium for his own consumption during a voyage on the Empress of Asia.

Revenue Officer Tallon explained that the charge was brought under section 14 of the Opium Ordinance which allowed smokers to possess five tacks of opium. The object of the section was to prevent people from buying large quantities of Government opium and then selling it again.

The prosecution did not allege that defendant was going to sell the drug. They were merely asking for confiscation of the extra seven tacks.

His Worship made the necessary order.

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